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Eighth republic votes to go it alone

Former allies inflict new blow on Gorbachev

By Bruce Clark in Moscow and Our Foreign Staff

PRESIDENT Gorbachev suffered a further blow to his dented authority yesterday when two more leading liberals refused to join his ruling council.

The snub came as the republics pressed on with their efforts to form a new union without involving the Kremlin, and Azerbaijan became the eighth republic to declare its independence.

In Alma Ata, Russia and Kazakhstan signed an accord echoing the terms of that agreed between Russia and the Ukraine on Thursday, setting up temporary structures to deal with the economy. They vowed to work together to prevent the "uncontrolled disintegration" of the nation and called for a new association of sovereign states to be established out of the ashes of the old union.

Azerbaijan also pledged to broaden and strengthen its ties with the other republics even though it voted to join the growing band of republics declaring independence. The Baku parliament also voted to lift the state of emergency imposed by the Kremlin after the Soviet army's suppression of disturbances last year.

The agreement between Russia and Kazakhstan was further evidence of the differing visions of a new union envisaged by the beleaguered Soviet president and Boris Yeltsin, the ascendant Russian leader. Mr Gorbachev on Thursday proposed a collective central leadership incorporating the republic leaders and a few presidential nominees. He was immediately slighted by the former foreign minister Eduard Shevardnadze, and yesterday Gavriil Popov, the mayor of Moscow, and Aleksandr Yakovlev, regarded as the father of perestroika, also declined to serve.

Mr Shevardnadze and Mr Yakovlev had both worked closely with Mr Gorbachev before deserting him amid dramatic warnings of impending dictatorship. They subsequently became the leading lights in a democratic reform movement that had effectively offered itself as a new liberal power base for Mr Gorbachev, but yesterday's gesture suggests that they share the growing perception that the Soviet leader could become politically irrelevant.

By contrast, Mr Yeltsin continues to make great strides towards achieving his vision, and has sought to calm fears that the independence declarations meant the union was breaking up. "We should not be frightened by the fact that a number of republics have declared their independence," he said. "Full-blooded states and not phantoms will be united in the new union."

Yesterday's agreement with Kazakhstan called for the creation of a new union structure based on equal rights and for "members of the former USSR" to join talks about mutually-beneficial forms of co-operation. At the same time, economic officials from all 15 republics met, again independently of the Kremlin, in Moscow.

The deal struck in Alma Ata eased tensions that had been raised by Russia's warning on Monday that it might want to revise its boundaries with republics that chose to leave the union. The growing Russian influence, particularly in central authorities, since the coup has rekindled fears of Russian chauvinism. Mr Yeltsin yesterday toured the Baltic states to reassure the governments, while his prime minister, Ivan Silayev, defended the actions that had been taken. Writing in *Rossiskaya Gazeta*, he said: "Many republics forget today who saved them from dictatorship." Russia would not give in to "anti-Russian agitation".

Further signs of the republics' growing strength came with a deal between Lithuania and the KGB allowing joint patrols of the border with Poland, which means people will be able to enter the republic without Soviet visas. The Soviet olympic committee also agreed that the three Baltic states should be regarded as independent olympic nations.

In Moscow, the decline of the Kremlin's old guard continued with the arrest of Anatoli Lukyanov, the former speaker of parliament who had been a close friend of Mr Gorbachev for forty years. He is expected to be charged with treason for his alleged involvement in the coup attempt.

The Communist party, already suspended throughout the Soviet Union, faced an outright ban in the Ukraine last night, while in Moscow, reporters invited to the party's central committee headquarters to witness the transfer of files to the care of the Russian government were shown boxes labelled "Minutes of politburo meetings" and "True minutes of politburo meetings".

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Gold blend: Liz McColgan embraces her husband, Peter, after her triumph in the 10,000 metres

McColgan wins gold for Britain

By David Powell, athletics correspondent, in Tokyo

ONLY nine months after giving birth to her first child, Liz McColgan yesterday ended Britain's week-long wait for a gold medal at the world championships.

McColgan, 5ft 6ins tall and weighing just over 7st, powered around the track 25 times, leaving the greatest field of women 10,000-metre runners ever assembled struggling in her wake.

Twelve days after her daughter was born McColgan, aged 27, was out training for these championships in a blizzard. It was the same strength of purpose which took the Scottish runner to the winner's rostrum in front of Tokyo's packed national stadium.

McColgan was so tired after the race that she was unable to complete her lap of honour without stopping to rest.

"I have worked all my life to become a world champion," she said. Even before the victory, McColgan, from Arbroath, had a cabinet full of medals: Olympic silver, Commonwealth gold, world cross-country silver and bronze. But this was her greatest success.

Some medical experts believe McColgan's pregnancy might have helped the runner to win the race more than she would care to admit. "Pregnancy is an anabolic event," said Craig Sharp, the director of physiological services at the British Olympic Medical Centre.

"The hormones in pregnancy cause a degree of muscle building. Pregnancy is similarly associated with an increase in blood volume which would help the endurance competitors. Also, the pain and effort of having a baby helps women to handle the discomfort of sport."

Last March, as McColgan prepared to run in the world cross-country championship within four months of childbirth, Dr Sharp said of her future as an athlete: "I would not be surprised if she runs better than she ever has before."

McColgan's husband, Peter, who runs steeplechases, did not advance beyond the first round of his event.

"He had been her coach for the last year and I think he has sacrificed his own athletics career to concentrate on helping his wife," Martin Lynch, Liz's father, said.

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Soviet sports empire crumbles

The end of the Soviet Union means a new beginning for Soviet sportsmen, reports ***John Goodbody***

The greatest empire sport has known began to splinter yesterday with the Soviet olympic committee endorsing a request from the three Baltic republics to restore their independent status in the Olympic Games.

Soviet success in many international sports – they are second to the United States in the medals table at this week's world athletics championships – could be further eroded as state funding of competitors is cut or withdrawn.

With five other republics, including the Ukraine and Belorussia, having announced their political independence, the sporting map of the Soviet Union looks as if it is going to be redrawn drastically by the time the Olympic Games open in Barcelona next July.

Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), said in Tokyo this week there was a strong possibility that the republics would compete as individual nations in Barcelona. A decision will be made in Berlin later this month.

The liberalisation of Soviet society has already led to a loosening of ties between sportsmen and women and the Soviet Union. Already nearly 100 footballers are playing professionally abroad, most of them in Western Europe, including Andrej Kanchelskis, of Manchester united, and Oleg Kuznetsov and Alexei Mikhailichenko, for Glasgow Rangers.

Sergey Bubka, who was born in Belorussia and this week won his third successive world pole vault title, is now threatening to live in France so that he can more easily benefit financially from the money available in top-class athletics. Lithuania, Latvia

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KGB defector to be reunited with family

By Lin Jenkins

THE wife and two daughters of Oleg Gordievsky, the Soviet spy who defected to Britain six years ago, are to join him after the new head of the KGB overruled objections from unnamed people.

Vadim Bakatin, appointed to reform the KGB, said yesterday he had made a "positive decision" to a request from Sir Rodric Braithwaite, the British ambassador to Moscow, that the family be reunited. John Major was to raise the issue during his visit to Moscow tomorrow.

Mr Gordievsky and his wife, Leila, remain cautious. He telephoned her to say he would not be satisfied until they were together. Their daughters Maria, aged 11, and Anna, aged 10, would not be told of the reunion until they began their journey to London.

Speaking on ITN, Mr Gordievsky, aged 53, said: "We have seen in these six years so much deception and hurt that we take everything from the Soviet authorities with great caution."

Britons shot in Miami

By Michael Horsnell

A REWARD of £6,000 was offered by tourist authorities in Miami yesterday in the hunt for two muggers after a British couple were shot when they strayed into a high-crime area of the city.

Rose Hayward, aged 59, is seriously ill in hospital after a bullet narrowly missed her heart and her husband John, aged 63, is in a satisfactory condition from a shoulder wound after the attack on the first day of their holiday.

The Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) urged tourists in America not to offer resistance if robbed. The couple were stopped in a hired car by at least two men who pretended that their car was on fire.

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Hurricane Bob tiptoes into UK

By Harvey Elliott

THE dying breaths of hurricane Bob were heading towards Britain last night as the tourism industry began counting the cost of the Gulf war and the recession on its all-too-brief summer season.

Like Bob, which began as a violent tempest destroying all in its path then petered out into an irritating low pressure area, the economic hurricane that threatened to devastate the holiday industry is largely a spent force.

Families did still take holidays, at home and abroad; guest houses, hotels, amusements arcades and restaurants around the country, which had predicted ruin, survived.

Bob is expected to bring only isolated thunderstorms, showers and a drop in temperature late tonight and tomorrow. Then the sun will shine again and temperature will return to the high 70s. Even weathermen are cautiously optimistic of an Indian summer.

Britain's holiday industry, too, is beginning to look on the bright side. Foreign tourists who stayed away in droves are back on the streets of London, Stratford, York and Edinburgh. Even the Japanese, who stopped travelling when the Gulf war began, are reappearing. Although a 10 per cent drop in high-spending Americans will depress takings, they were more than compensated for by a 14 per cent increase in European visitors this summer.

Tour operators are predicting not only a highly profitable year but one in which only 5 per cent fewer people took

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Eureka! You too can train to be a genius

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

Mozart: his great works followed years of study

GENIUS can be taught, a psychologist told the British Association yesterday. Far from being an indefinable and innate characteristic of a few exceptional people, genius is often the product of intensive teaching and well-judged guidance. To match the achievement of Mozart may remain a dream, but you, too, can be a chicken-sexer.

Michael Howe, from Exeter university, said that research into genius had often been held back by the belief that the dazzling feats achieved by people such as the young Mozart were genuinely inexplicable. "We might call this the gee-whiz reaction," he said. In fact, research had shown that far from writing masterpieces at the age of five, Mozart had produced his first great works after at least 12 years of musical training. "Studies of 76 major composers show that in virtually all of them it was not until they had at least ten years of intense musical training that they began to produce major works," he said.

More modest perceptual skills, apparently possessed by a few exceptional people, can be taught, Dr Howe said. The rather rare skill of being able to determine the sex of chickens can be acquired with enough training and practice. So, too, can the ability to make absolute judgments of colour hues. Most adults can identify only about five of a set of 21 colours that are only slightly different. But after 80 training sessions, one individual had been able to identify 18 of them.

Similarly, most people can remember and repeat only about eight or nine random digits if they are read out at about one a second. Ten hours' training produces only a small improvement, but practising for nearer to a thousand hours had dramatic results. Some people could then remember 80 or even 100 digits.

"So far as one can tell, it now seems possible that virtually all those feats of memory displayed by people who are said to have an innately exceptional memory can be excelled by so-called ordinary people, providing they are given the opportunity to have appropriate training," he said.

Given the importance of exceptional human abilities, Dr Howe said that the subject had been inadequately researched. The evidence that remarkable abilities could be taught should open people's eyes to the possibilities – leading, maybe, to a proliferation of Mozarts or at least of chicken-sexers.

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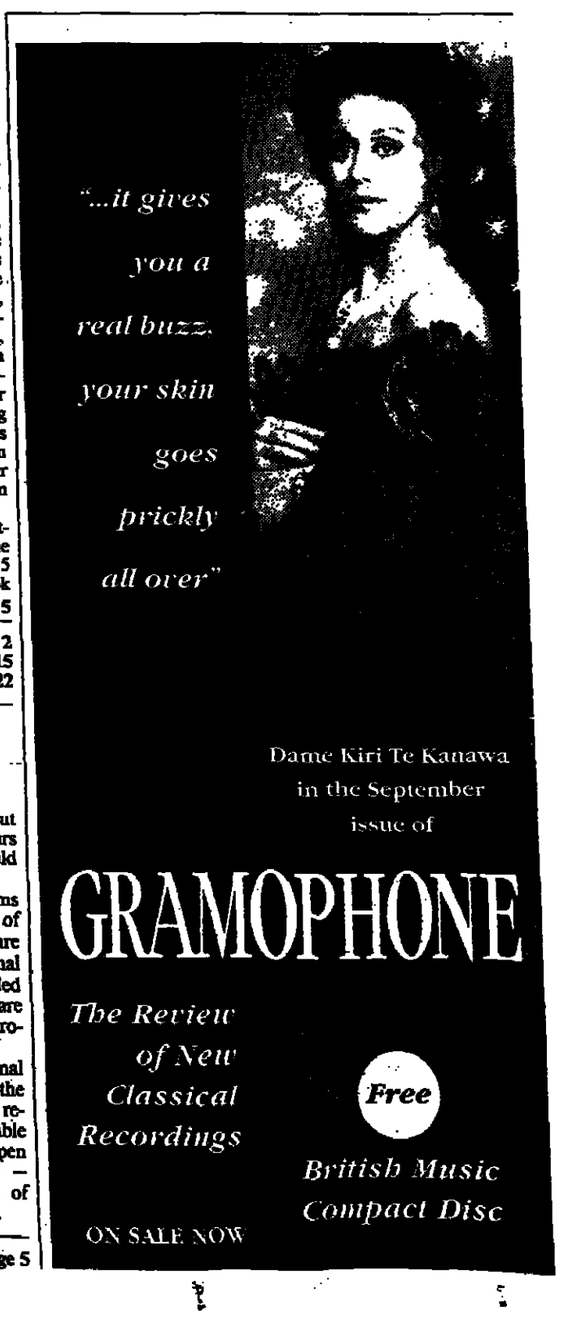

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Kinnock rebuffed as he unveils his hopes for economy

Smith: union leaders rate him the best performer

By NICHOLAS WOOD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NEIL Kinnock suffered an embarrassing personal rebuff from trade union leaders yesterday as he redoubled his efforts to convince the public that Labour could rescue Britain from the recession.

The Labour leader told a shadow cabinet mini-summit on Britain's economic ills that the re-election of a Conservative government would lead to a third damaging recession. Accusing Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, of complacency and negligence in failing to tackle the downturn, he won approval for a five-point plan designed to "kick-start" the economy.

However, Mr Kinnock's attempt to persuade sceptical voters that Labour is a clear and credible short-term alternative to the Tories was marred by a poll of trade union leaders suggesting that they have reservations about the way he is handling his job. They rated Mr Kinnock seventh in overall performance among 22 members of the shadow cabinet. John Smith, the shadow chancellor, topped the poll, followed by Gordon Brown, the trade spokesman, Tony Blair, employment, Robin Cook, health, John Prescott, transport, and Frank Dobson, the energy spokesman.

The poll, carried out by the *New Statesman*, contained more gloom for the Labour leadership. Roy Hattersley, the deputy leader, was ranked 13th, behind Margaret Beckett, Treasury, Jack Straw, education, Joan Lestor, children, Bryan Gould, environment, and John Cunningham, campaigns. Norman Willis, the TUC general secretary, was penultimate in a parallel survey asking the union chiefs to rate the performance of their colleagues.

The survey was published on the eve of TUC leaders and delegates gathering in Glasgow today for a conference intended to demonstrate their unity behind Mr Kinnock's leadership. The Conservatives immediately seized on the poll to press home their claims that Mr Kinnock was not fit to govern.

Michael Howard, the employment secretary, said that trade union bosses were paying to get Mr Kinnock into No 10 even though they knew he was not up to the job. "There can be few people who are in any doubt about Neil Kinnock's fitness to govern, but this poll should put paid to any lingering doubts."

With the Labour leader trailing John Major in the opinion polls, he is vulnerable to any renewed bout of speculation about his position. Mr Kinnock will be able to argue that poll is not fully representative of trade union opinion. Only 37 anonymous replies were received from 100 trade union leaders sent confidential survey forms asking them to rate the shadow cabinet on a scale of one to ten. Frank Griffin, general secretary of the United Road Transport Union, was the only one to sign his questionaire.

At the shadow cabinet meeting in Edinburgh, Mr Kinnock brushed aside suggestions that a report from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development corroborated Mr Lamont's claim that a recovery would start in the second half of the year. He said that the report also pointed to rising unemployment, falling investment and high levels of bankruptcies and bad debts.

"The prospects, in other words, are for a process that will be shallow, short-lived and scarcely worthy of the name 'recovery'. That is bad news for all parts of Britain — and in many ways the worst news is that the Government will seek no practical steps for making sure that any upturn is strong, sustained and widespread."

The emergency recovery package agreed by the shadow cabinet consists of a 1 per cent cut in interest rates, tax incentives to boost investment in plant, machinery, innovation and design, a new "skills fund" including a 0.5 per cent levy on the payrolls of firms who do not spend money on training, temporary work programmes linking training and work experience and a government-backed export drive.

Mr Kinnock said Mr Lamont was "culpably negligent" to say that an upturn in consumer spending would lead Britain out of the recession. "A fourth term [of the Conservatives] would bring a third slump," he told his colleagues.

Kinnock: seventh rating suggests reservations

Doorstep checks will counter attempts at council tax fraud

By DOUGLAS BROOM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

LOCAL councils will be empowered to conduct door-to-door checks on the number of people living in homes to prevent fraudulent claims for rebates under the new council tax, according to a leaked government paper.

The confidential document, prepared by the environment department, says councils will be allowed to use "such steps as they think necessary" to check the number of adults in each house for the new tax.

The paper says that councils can supplement information from poll tax and electoral registers and social security benefit records with door-to-door canvassing. Householders will not be legally compelled to answer questions but failure to do so could result in their rebate claims being disallowed. The document has been discussed by a working group on the implementation of the new tax, made up of civil servants and local authority representatives.

The disclosure comes the day after it emerged that councils would have to keep detailed records of the occupants of most houses in order to administer the complex system of rebates and discounts under the new tax.

After initially insisting that there would be no need for registers of residents the environment department conceded yesterday that councils would need to keep records of occupants of properties where benefits were claimed.

According to the department's own estimates, a third of householders live alone and would be entitled to rebates while up to a further 50 per cent would qualify for rebates on other grounds.

The department also disclosed details of how bills would be sent out. A spokeswoman said that they would not be addressed to individuals but to "the occupier or the council tax payer".

She added: "When it comes to those who will be getting rebates then councils will need to know the names of people living at an address." Under the council tax the eligibility of householders for rebates will, for the first time, depend on the income and status of all other adults living at the same address.

David Blunkett, Labour's local government spokesman, said yesterday that in reality councils would need registers of all residents to check the validity of claims. He accused Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, of going back on a promise that detailed registers of local tax payers would be abolished at the same time as the poll tax in April 1993.

Mr Blunkett said: "The government has promised major savings from the new council tax. It is now clear that this will not be possible. The costs of administering this needlessly complex tax will inevitably lead to higher bills for everyone. The department's confusion illustrates the depth of the difficulties that the government has got itself into with the council tax."

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ROWLAND LEON

Duty watch: the keen-eyed home in on their quarry at the Bird-watching Fair at Rutland Water yesterday

12,000 expected at bird-watching fair

By CRAIG SETON

THE annual British Bird-watching Fair that opened yesterday is testimony to "birding" being one of the fastest-growing hobbies in the country.

In only its second year as a nationally recognised event, it is believed to be the biggest such fair in the world. The three-day show is expected to attract 12,000 people, ranging from keen amateurs, the most common form of birdwatcher, to the rarer "twitcher", super-keen enthusiasts who will travel the length of the country to see a rare bird.

The fair is organised by the Leicestershire and Rutland Trust for Nature Conservation (LRTNC) and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB). It is being held alongside the internationally recognised nature reserve at Rutland Water, Leicestershire, managed by the LRTNC.

The growth in bird-watching has spawned a commercial indnstry to cater for the needs of its followers, and more than 100 traders are at the show, offering binoculars, cameras, sonic super ears (for listening to bird song), and specialist clothing, holidays and books.

David Wragg, director of the LRTNC, said it was no bad thing that interest in nature had become big business: it raised awareness of the environment and attracted money to protect it through the development of reserves.

He admitted twitchers were viewed unfavourably by some because they were assumed to lose interest in a rare bird once they had spotted it. True birdwatchers would apparently think it derogatory to be regarded as a twitcher, who can turn up with hundreds of others at a remote spot to see a rare species. Most twitchers use Birdline, a 24-hour telephone service that provides information about sightings. On its stand yesterday was Lee Evans, aged 30, from Little Chalfont, Buckinghamshire. He is in the Guinness Book of Records for his sighting of 359 species of birds in the UK in one year.

Mr Evans travels 90,000 miles a year pursuing his hobby. He estimates that there are about 2,850 hardened twitchers in Britain, and insists they have cleaned up their act since the years when they were condemned for their frenetic activities.

Death of MP gives Tories a new test

By NICHOLAS WOOD

THE Conservatives were last night facing a testing autumn by-election in a vulnerable Scottish seat after the death from cancer of Alick Buchanan-Smith.

Mr Buchanan-Smith, aged 59, a former minister, had a majority of 2,063 in Kincardine and Deeside at the last election over the Liberal Democrat, Nicol Stephen.

Kincardine and Deeside, which stretches from the Cairngorms in the west to the North Sea and takes in part of south Aberdeen, is the most vulnerable of the ten Scottish Tory seats to a Liberal Democrat advance. Mr Stephen, a member of Grampian council, will again be the challenger.

A System 3 poll for the *Glasgow Herald* indicated yesterday, however, that the centre party has ground to make up. It enjoys the support of only 8 per cent of Scots and trails badly behind the SNP on 19 per cent, with the Conservatives on 25 per cent and Labour on 45 per cent.

Mr Buchanan-Smith was on the left of his party and resigned his post as shadow Scottish secretary in 1976 after disagreeing publicly with Margaret Thatcher over devolution. He was later recalled as a junior agriculture minister and then an energy minister.

John Major said yesterday that Mr Buachanan-Smith was a man of great integrity and courage, coupled with enormous charm.

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SNP inspired by Baltics

Scottish Nationalists are hoping that the resurgence of nationalist fervour in the Soviet republics will add momentum to their quest for political independence.

John Swinney, SNP national secretary, said at the launch yesterday of its agenda for next month's conference, that many nations, led by the Baltics, were reaffirming their nationhood after decades trapped in artificial empires. "This conference will play a key part in demonstrating the transformation of the SNP from a party of protest into a party ready for power."

Sacking upheld

A water treatment plant manager who allowed unchlorinated drinking water to flow into thousands of homes was rightfully dismissed, a tribunal decided yesterday. Len Carberry, aged 48, ignored warning buzzers while the untreated water pumped out for four hours from the plant in Egham, Surrey, the tribunal was told. The panel said North Surrey Water had no choice but to dismiss him.

Final stand

Hard-left Labour activists are planning a last-ditch stand to try to save the careers of two Labour MPs facing expulsion from the party for alleged involvement in Militant. Seven local parties have put down resolutions and amendments opposing the expulsions for debate at the party's annual conference in Brighton. They call for an end to the "witchhunt" against Terry Fields and Dave Nellist.

Masonic sale

A master's chair attributed to George Hepplewhite, the Georgian cabinet maker, made £3,190 in a sale of masonic memorabilia at Bonham's in London yesterday. Two other Georgian chairs each made £2,000. The 237-lot auction made a total of £47,000 with 14 per cent unsold. The sale attracted interest from masonic lodges in Britain and on the Continent.

Think-tank head beats off critics

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE head of a prominent free market think-tank at the centre of an internal dispute about alleged political bias has survived an attempt by his critics to unseat him.

The case against Graham Mather, general director of the Institute of Economic Affairs, was put by Lord Harris of High Cross, at a meeting of the institute's trustees.

Lord Harris, a founder president of the IEA, argued that many of the institute's academic advisers had lost confidence in Mr Mather's ability to keep its distance from party politics. He recommended that Mr Mather seek other employment more suited to his talents.

However, the trustees decided to back Mr Mather and make management changes intended to prevent a repetition of claims that the IEA was allying itself with John Major's pragmatic brand of Conservatism. Mr Mather yesterday urged critics to abandon their renewed efforts to topple him. He said: "I have always endeavoured to conduct the institute's work strictly in accordance with its constitution and traditions and I will continue to do so. I hope that those concerned will now discontinue their futile and damaging campaign."

The changes agreed by the trustees included appointing Alan Peacock of Heriot-Watt university to the newly created post of chairman of the advisory council. Lord Harris was told he would have to vacate his room at the IEA's headquarters near the Commons. The trustees also refused Lord Harris's call for a formal rebuke to Mr Mather for compromising the institute's independence.

Lord Harris said: "As president, I thought it my duty to draw the attention of the trustees to my axiety that some of the younger members of the advisory council were contemplating a public protest.

"I laid the anxieties expressed by the academics before the trustees in the presence of Graham Mather. There were divisions among the trustees. But the outcome was that the trustees decided to close ranks behind Mr Mather and instigate private checks and balances without any public reference to the anxieties that have been expressed."

Professor Peacock said: "I think that the two things they allege — politicisation of the IEA and the decline in standards — do not stick and it's for that reason I have decided to stay with the IEA at the cost of some personal misunderstandings with close friends.

"If I thought the IEA was becoming political in the way it has been suggested, I would not be there because I have never been a member of any political party."

Catholic church 'in decline'

By RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

A PICTURE of a Roman Catholic church in decline in large parts of Europe emerged at a conference of theologians, economists and politicians in Leeds yesterday.

In Italy, where 88 per cent of people profess Catholicism, religious participation in the church's life is as low as 12 per cent, according to Fr Rino Fisichella of the Gregorian university, Rome.

He told the conference organised by the Catholic Theological Association of Great Britain that there was an almost total ignorance of the most basic principles of faith and morals. "If you ask young people what Genesis is they are more likely to reply a rock group than the first book of the Bible," Fr Fisichella said.

Elizabeth Maxwell, international vice-president of the Council of Christians and Jews, referred to France where 13 per cent of those professing to be Catholics attend mass regularly and 7 per cent attend church more than once a month. She said the number of new priests each year has fallen from more than 1,000 in the Fifties to 100.

Christianity was being reduced to the status of nostalgia and folk heritage, Dr Maxwell said, and the church had lost touch with the urban working classes. "The problem for the hierarchy and the Vatican is that its views are no longer in tune with the views of the people," she said.

HOLIDAY BLACK SPOTS

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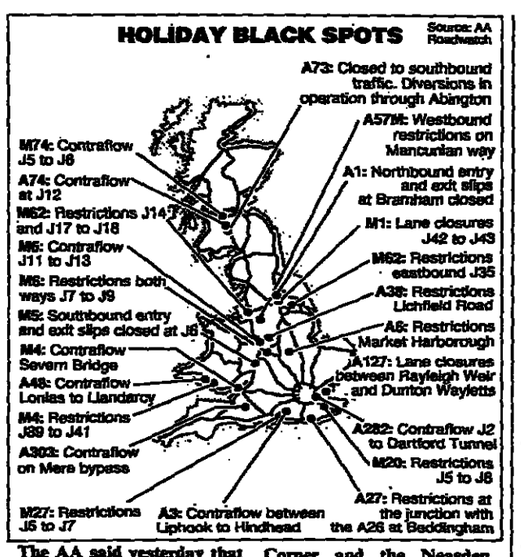


The AA said yesterday that severe delays would start this weekend on the A406 North Circular road in London between Staples Corner and the Neasden underpass. Delays are also expected on the A27 at the junction with the A26 in East Sussex.

Hoax bomb linked to murderer

By RONALD FAUX

THE killer of Julie Dart, aged 18, of Leeds, and a hoax bomb found two weeks ago on the M1 near Barnsley are connected, West Yorkshire police said yesterday.

Police said the device seemed similar in construction to one mentioned by Miss Dart's killer in one of six letters sent to the police.

Miss Dart was found naked and battered to death on July 19 in a field near the A1 at Grantham, Lincolnshire. The hoax bomb was found on August 14 behind a crash barrier near junction 37 on the southbound carriageway. Near by was a note on paper of the same type as letters from the killer although the writing was different.

Fashion firm defies outcry over advert

By A STAFF REPORTER

THE fashion company Benetton intends to defy hundreds of protests tomorrow and launch nationwide an advertising poster that shows a new-born baby still attached to its umbilical cord.

The Advertising Standards Authority said it has received more than 400 complaints so far about the graphic picture of the blood-spattered baby. The company could be ordered to withdraw the hoarding picture within days as the watchdog consults members in a special postal ballot procedure for a speedy decision. The authority had already warned Benetton that the poster would outrage the public, and it is particularly upset the advice was ignored.

Caroline Crawford, of the authority, said yesterday: "It is really sad Benetton are showing such a disregard for the sensitivity of the feelings of the public."

The poster, part of a series which includes a priest and nun kissing, carries the slogan "United Colours of Benetton" and Ms Crawford said people were failing to make the connection between the advertisement and the fashion company. "Some people have thought it is an advertisement for paint and, more sadly, one woman thought it was for an abortion clinic."

Caroline Titcomb, of Benetton, said: "There are no plans to withdraw the campaign. The image is scheduled to run for two weeks and it will go nationwide from September 1." The company had received a mixed reaction.

Broker with baby was offered salary increase to stay

A HIGH-FLYING broker who lost her £150,000-a-year job when she had a baby was "very good" at her job, the woman boss accused of forcing her out admitted yesterday.

Lilliane Preisler's salary jumped from £14,000 to £70,000 in two years because of her performance at Euro Brokers Capital Markets. But at one meeting held to discuss her pay, Mrs Preisler, aged 31, stormed out after her demand was refused, the tribunal heard.

Cindy Buggins, the firm's managing director, admitted she raised Mrs Preisler's pay to keep her away from rival firms. Mrs Buggins told the hearing in Chelsea, west London, that she had discussions with Mrs Preisler over pay and conditions. In June 1989, Mrs Buggins offered her a two-year contract on a salary of £50,000 a year.

"She said she felt she was not particularly happy about that, but she would come and talk about it later," Mrs Buggins said.

The tribunal was told that Mrs Preisler later returned with Paul Langry, a colleague, and they demanded a £70,000 salary each with company cars and bonuses. "They both felt they were worth more than the sum I had given them and to a certain extent my head was on the fine because I had two key people who said they were negotiating together," said Mrs Buggins.

"They were important to me and I agreed the terms of £70,000, a company car and bonus." Mrs Buggins, from Wimbledon, southwest London, said she believed the pair pushed for changes to their contracts because they felt "they were signing their lives away for two years".

She said that Mrs Preisler told her she was pregnant in October 1989, about the same time another colleague announced she was pregnant. Mrs Buggins said: "We had two people going off pregnant. I was keen for them both to come back." Mrs Preisler left the company on maternity leave in March 1990.

In September, Mrs Preisler phoned the firm and said she was surprised not to have received the bonus she felt was due, the tribunal was told.

Mrs Buggins said: "I said to her, 'come in and we will sit down and discuss the bonus'." At the meeting, Mrs Preisler asked for a total salary package of £160,000. "I was flabbergasted," Mrs Buggins said. She added: "I still wanted her back. She said 'we can do a deal together that no one else will know about'.

"I refused and she stormed out." Mrs Preisler agreed to return after further negotiations on £70,000 salary. But Mrs Buggins said no firm arrangements were made about the payment of the bonus or maternity package.

The managing director admitted she had not wanted the Mrs Preisler to go to a rival company. She said: "We did anything to keep the staff." The tribunal was adjourned until September 17 when the hearing will continue.

Preisler: praised by her director at tribunal

Nuclear subs face 100-year wait to be declared safe

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S old nuclear submarines may have to be "beached" for up to a century after withdrawal from service before it is safe to dismantle them fully, John Knill, chairman of the government's radioactive waste management advisory committee, said yesterday. The defence ministry still has no clear policy for their disposal and the matter must be urgently addressed, he said.

Eight nuclear submarines are expected to be decommissioned before the turn of the century. The boats might have to be hauled up on land and stored whole for 50 to 100 years until their radioactive steel reactor compartments have become safe enough to be dealt with, Professor Knill said at the launch of his committee's 12th annual report. An alternative might be to cut away boat sections and store only the reactor compartments.

The government should consider making the deep underground repository for low and intermediate level waste planned for Sellafield, in Cumbria, by UK Nirex, the waste management company, suitable for the submarine reactor compartments and its shafts should be designed large enough to take them, Professor Knill said.

The ministry has been considering the disposal of nuclear submarines since HMS Dreadnought came out of service in 1982. Dreadnought has been moored at Rosyth naval base on the Firth of Forth ever since, with its fuel and reactor removed but the radioactive reactor compartment still in place.

Last year it was joined by Churchill, Warspite and Conqueror, the boat that sank the Belgrano in the Falklands conflict, were withdrawn and are moored at Devonport. Professor Knill said he believed the boats were safe. "But it would be preferable to store them on land."

Nineteen nuclear-powered submarines are in service with the navy: four Polaris missile boats, and 15 hunter-killers. Four Trident missile submarines are planned and an unknown number of updated Trafalgar class hunter-killers.

The navy said yesterday that ministers were still looking at the options for disposal and storage of decommissioned nuclear submarines. The boats stored afloat were safe, a spokesman said, with regular inspections to ensure the integrity of their hulls.

The defence ministry's original preferred method of disposal was to sink the decommissioned boats in deep ocean, but this was ruled out by an international moratorium on maritime dumping of nuclear waste.

Reactor waste plant cleared for operation

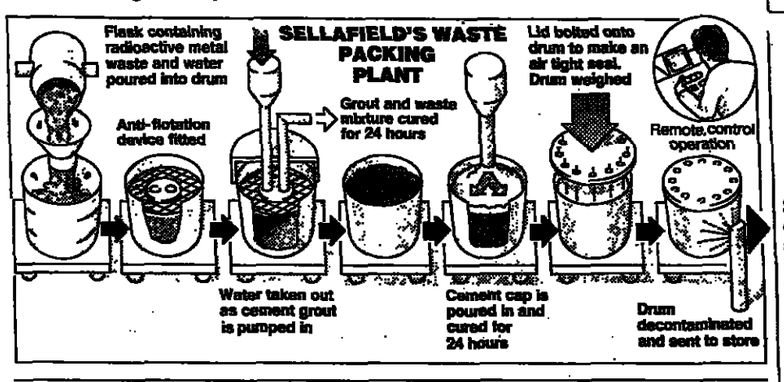
By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE world's most sophisticated cement mixer, a £249 million radioactive waste encapsulation plant called The Cell, has been given its operating licence and will be formally unveiled at Sellafield, Cumbria, in October.

The plant, owned by British Nuclear Fuels, has been built to deal with the growing pile of radioactive metal wastes generated from the reprocessing of fuel rods from Britain's Magnox nuclear power stations. It is expected to play an important role in plans, announced in July, to site Britain's first underground depository for intermediate and low level radioactive wastes under the Lake District.

Most of the metal wastes are stored under water in purpose-built silos at Sellafield. The new plant, which uses industrial robots and remote-control systems, replaces water storage. The waste will be packed in cement and encapsulated in steel drums for storage.

The plant is processing about six drums a day, which will rise to eight next year. Each drum contains almost one tonne of radioactive metal.



BRYN COLTON

Rich pickings: Christine Mullis cleaning oysters she raises in Norfolk in preparation for the start of the season

Farmer predicts a good harvest ... of oysters

By JOHN SHAW

OYSTERS will be excellent this year, Christine Mullis, an oyster farmer, predicted yesterday as she dispatched supplies to the tables of discerning restaurants for the start of the new season tomorrow.

"We had a good hard winter and a lovely warm summer so they will be absolutely full and succulent whether they are natives or Pacifics," she said.

Mrs Mullis, aged 51, cultivates Pacifics in creeks and inlets along part of the north Norfolk coast. Much of the isolated shoreline is owned by conservation organisations and access is restricted.

The water of Brancaster Bay is among the cleanest in Europe and her oysters are highly prized. Her father-in-law started the oyster beds about ten years ago when the family had a small hotel at Titchwell, near Brancaster, and when her in-laws retired she took over. Wearing chest waders, she works in water often up to 5ft deep.

"The weather at the moment is very good and so it is nice to work out of doors ... and when you see the birdlife all around you it's very rewarding. During the winter it's quite different ... You just bring the oysters up rather than spend time on cleaning and maintenance."

It can also be back-breaking, carrying bags of 80 to 100 shellfish to the shore from large enclosed "rafts" moored to the banks. Of 5,000 to 6,000 oysters in a raft about 600 could be of market size. "You've got to remember you're dealing with nature. You never get 100 per cent growth rate. You've got to allow for mortality.

"They're a luxury, but we don't get a tremendous price – anything from 15p to 30p for oysters that sell for £1 a piece in London."

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Orkney child abuse enquiry

Children 'backed up allegations'

By KERRY GILL

SOME of the nine Orkney children taken into care after allegations of sexual abuse subsequently corroborated the claims, Paul Lee, the islands' social work director, said yesterday during the judicial enquiry into the affair.

The claims had originated from three children taken into care earlier who had said that sex rituals involving children and adults had taken place in a quarry on South Ronaldsay. The allegations centred on a man known as "the master" who dressed in a cloak, mask and hood and selected people for sex acts to the accompaniment of music and dancing.

Mr Lee, on the fifth day of evidence, told Nigel Morrison, QC, counsel for two of the four families involved, that after the nine children were taken from their homes on February 27, some of their statements corroborated information given by the three children of the W family, aged seven, eight and nine, already in care.

Mr Lee said that some social workers had expressed doubts about the involvement of one of the four families, the H family, before the seizures. It was felt the authorities should wait to see if further information came from the three children making the allegations. Asked whether it was "fortunate" that such information was obtained, Mr Lee said: "It was information that was rather more fortuitous than fortunate."

Earlier Mr Lee said that the children were taken into care because of the allegations made by the three children of the W family and because of a suspicion that those who were supporting the children's mother might be in collusion. He confirmed that corroboration from some of the nine children was obtained only after they had been taken from their homes.

Mr Morrison suggested that Mr Lee had no concrete evidence of involvement by the four families. Mr Lee said it was uncertain what level of collusion there might have been but a question mark existed right up to the day of the seizures. "Very often we have to act on the basis of allegations and suspicion."

Mr Morrison suggested that social workers were acting first and asking questions afterwards. Mr Lee said: "We acted, we felt, in the best interests of the children at the time." Mr Lee, who admitted that he was no expert on organised child abuse, was pressed on why he had ignored guidelines when taking the W children into care. Guidelines, he said, were not mandatory and were only a framework for action.

He was also asked why no access was given to the parents or friends of the nine children and if he had considered the police interviewing the parents without taking the children into care on the mainland. Mr Lee said: "We did not see that there was any other way. The way the information came did not give us any confidence that the children would be safe in Orkney."

Asked by Mr Morrison what actions he took over the 13 days from the date of obtaining the place of safety orders until the seizures, Mr Lee said his department contacted the education department for information about the children. It had been impossible to monitor what was going on in the families because of the confidential nature of the operation and there might have been a leak.

Mr Morrison said that he believed that the head teacher of the primary school attended by some of the children had no concerns about them apart from educational matters.

Mr Lee said that his department had not spoken to the local general practitioner or to a district nurse about the affair. When the W family children were taken, the GP had refused to tell police the whereabouts of the youngest child. Mr Morrison suggested that Mr Lee and his staff did not trust the GP or the district nurse. "I was uncertain about the GP's position," Mr Lee said.

He also agreed that he had not contacted to the former deputy director of social work who lived in South Ronaldsay. Mr Lee said that the man had retired to work his croft and wanted nothing to do with social work. "I did not think I had the right to ask him about people living in the same area." Mr Morrison said that that was a serious omission.

The enquiry continues on Monday.

Morrison: unhappy that parents were denied access

Arctic sailor in court

Jack Lammiman appeared in court yesterday charged with sailing to the Arctic in an unseaworthy boat that had been impounded. He docked in his home town of Whitby, Yorkshire, this week after his 3,000-mile trip.

Mr Lammiman, 52, and his crew retraced the voyage of William Scoresby, the 18th century whaling captain.

Transport department officials handed Mr Lammiman a summons when he returned in the 60-year-old boat. He appeared at Whitby magistrates charged with sailing in a boat that had been detained. He did not enter a plea and the case was adjourned.

Company fined

Performance Chemicals Ltd, of Rotherhithe, southeast London, which broke health and safety regulations when a man died in a fume-filled tank, was fined £20,500 by Inner London crown court.

Jaguar support

Eight Jaguar aircraft from RAF Coltishall, Norfolk, are to fly to Incirlik in Turkey to bolster Gulf coalition forces.

Hanging attempt

A man is on a life support machine after trying to hang himself while held at Barnstaple police station, Devon.

Bail bandits come under scrutiny

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE Home Office has launched a study into the number of offenders who commit crime while on bail. It has been prompted by police research that shows "bail bandits" account for 27 per cent of crime.

A second police study, to be published next week, is expected to disclose more dramatic findings. John Patten, the minister of state at the department, said yesterday that he shared police concern about offenders on bail.

The government had tried to minimise the risk of such crimes by establishing an information scheme to help courts to identify defendents who could safely be released, and also by increasing the number of places at bail hostels, Mr Patten said. Police anxiety about the misuse of bail would be discussed further after the Home Office had made its report. Mr Patten said researchers had been told to complete the study by the end of October.

The project was welcomed by Albert Pacey, chief constable of Gloucestershire and chairman of the crime committee of the Association of Chief Police Officer. He said: "People who are victims of crime often see the perpetrators at large. Such experiences adversely affect the credibility of justice."

Research by Avon and Somerset police showed that defendents on bail were responsible for 24 to 39 per cent of recorded crime. They committed almost half of the car thefts and burglaries. Northumbria police will publish next week a study of the North Tyneside and Blyth areas which is said to further underline the problem.

Brian Johnson, the Lancashire chief constable, said in his annual report for 1990 that in his force the number offences committed by those on bail rose by 40 per cent from 4,948 to 6,927. The issue will be debated at the annual conference of police superintendents next month.

Keenan disowns film plan

By EDWARD GORMAN

BRIAN Keenan, the former Beirut hostage, yesterday dissociated himself from a planned feature film account of his experiences and those of John McCarthy in captivity.

In a statement issued through his agent in London, Mr Keenan said that the film, which plans to document the "extraordinary relationship" between the two men and how they survived their ordeal, could endanger other hostages still in Lebanon. Mr Keenan, who lives in west Ireland after being freed last August, made clear that he wanted nothing to do with the film's producers, Granada Television and HBO, an American cable channel.

The statement said: "Although the producers of the film have sought to consult him, Mr Keenan has declined to discuss or provide any information regarding his time in captivity. He has not in any way at all cooperated in the production of this film, nor does he intend to do so."

The dispute follows comments last week by Mike Beckham, the film's producer at Granada, in which he reportedly suggested Mr Keenan was working on the film and that he was hopeful that John McCarthy would assist once his recuperation was complete. Yesterday, however, Granada denied that Mr Keenan was involved.

THE SUNDAY TIMES

My own story by Raisa

"My father Maxim Andreyevich worked on the railways all his life. Whenever I filled in questionnaires I always wrote: father a railway employee. Non-party. Oh yes, non-party. Faith in the

party came to my father along with Mikhail Sergeyevich, my husband."

Tomorrow, in her own words, exclusive to The Sunday Times, Raisa Gorbachev reveals the story of her childhood, her marriage and her life with Mikhail right up to the dramatic events of recent weeks

Crash enquiry begins

By BILL FROST

THE enquiry into a mid-air collision over Wales in which an RAF pilot who had undergone a heart and lung transplant and a pilot of a light aircraft died will consider if Wing Cdr John Mardon's condition was a factor in the accident.

Investigators will also have to establish if he or his co-pilot, who broke an arm, was at the controls of the Jaguar fighter bomber. The civilian pilot was named yesterday as Robbie Cooper, aged 45, of Wolverhampton.

Group Captain Phil Dacre, base commander at RAF Coltishall, said Wing Cdr Mardon's medical category allowed him to fly unaccompanied. "It is possible that he could have been in control of the aircraft and, in effect, flying it," Group Capt Dacre said. The training Jaguar had dual controls.

War breaks out over sign of peace

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

WAR is breaking out in the hallowed pews of the Church of England over the "peace" where members of a congregation turn to each other and kiss, hug or shake hands. Some clergy are calling for it to be banned while others say its place in the service should be revised.

Many traditionalists, who prefer the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, say the presence of a Christian at a church service is enough to show they love their neighbour. "All this shaking of hands and giving the sign of the peace is unnecessary," Margot Thompson, secretary of the Prayer Book Society, said.

Canon Arthur Fielder of Ampthill, Bedfordshire, said: "The French do it to one another all the time, but we British have never really taken to the idea." He said that churchgoers were embarassed because it was alien to their daily life and felt bogus.

Canon Fielder's comments, in *The Church of England Newspaper*, have provoked support and outrage in the church. The debate is expected to run throughout the decade of evangelism, at the end of which the remit of the current Alternative Service Book expires. In the notes to holy communion, Rite B, the book says: "The priest may accompany the words of the peace with a handclasp ... and both the words and the action may be passed through the congregation."

The bishop of Chester, the Right Rev Michael Baughen, said: "Some people feel the peace interrupts the flow of the service. I personally am happy with it but I can see how some people feel it is a rather false thing to suddenly get up and greet people. The ASB will be revised at the end of the decade and people are beginning to think about it already."

The peace has the backing of liturgical experts in the church. Canon Donald Gray, chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons and chairman of the inter-church joint liturgical group, said the peace was greatly loved, but some churchgoers who were embarassed by it found ingenious ways to avoid it, such as folding their arms or rooting around in handbags.

It should be neither a bear hug nor like shaking hands at a reception, he said. "Two hands rather than one is preferable."

Canon Michael Saward, of St Paul's cathedral, said: "Most people do not understand what it is meant to be and assume it is some sort of universal pressure to be matey. I was taught that what we are doing at this point is being united in peace with Christ."

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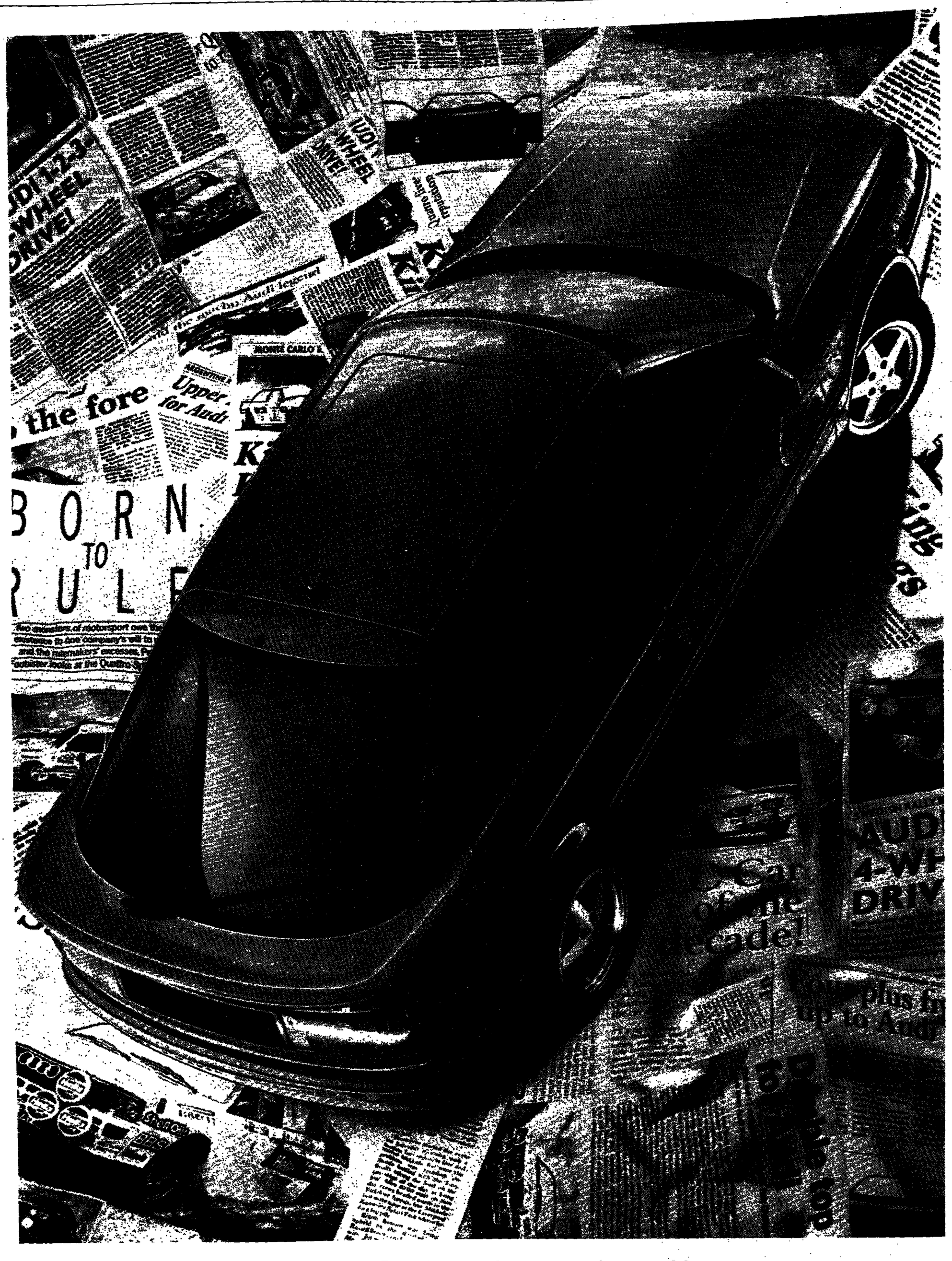

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COMMUNITY CARE

Daily spending on mentally ill 'only cost of a cup of tea'

By Thomson Prentice, Medical Correspondent

THE health service spends no more than the price of a cup of tea a day on community care for the mentally ill, Anthony Clare, the psychiatrist and broadcaster, said yesterday.

Professor Clare, of St Patrick's hospital, Dublin, argued that mental illness received only a fraction of the recognition given to heart disease and cancer, although it is as common as the former and three times more prolific than the latter.

Although care of the mentally ill was the biggest item of National Health Service expenditure, at £2 billion a year, most of that money went to the 60,000 patients in psychiatric hospitals, rather than the five million in the community.

"We spend £72 a day, the price of a four-star hotel room, on each of those hospital patients, but just 29p a day, the price of a cup of tea, on the rest," he said.

Speaking at the British Association meeting in Plymouth, he said the government was making a brave attempt to improve community care and release patients from asylums. But there were three million sufferers in society with serious psychiatric conditions who were receiving minimal attention.

The core of the problem was that public attitudes towards the mentally sick had improved little since the days of Bedlam. "The historical legacy is still with us. We continue to regard these individuals as bizarre, frightening, disturbing, with the connotation that somehow they only have themselves to blame," Professor Clare said.

Yet one in ten was affected by a mental disorder, and of those, 37 died as a direct result every day and 13 committed suicide. "The cost in terms of personal suffering for the mentally ill and their families is incalculable," he said.

Apart from more money and resources, a better understanding of mental illness and a more caring approach towards sufferers was needed, he said.

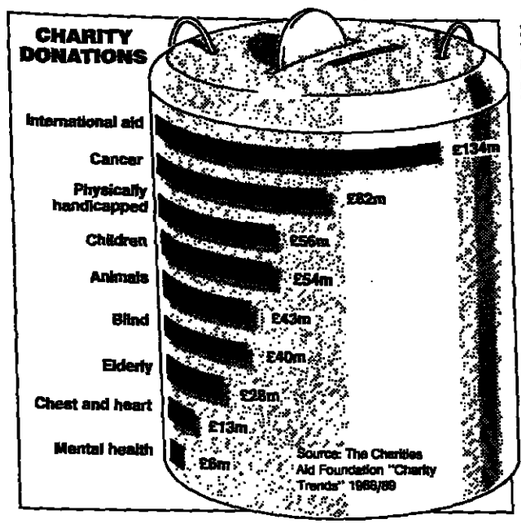
Robert Stout, professor of geriatric medicine at Queen's university, Belfast, said that the treatment of some elderly people was unacceptable. "The idea that people should spend months or years at the end of their lives in large open hospital wards with few of their possessions around them, little privacy, but nevertheless often receiving the best possible quality of medical and nursing care, should no longer be acceptable," he said.

"The concept of housing with care, where people can live in their own dwellings and have the care brought to them, ought to be promoted much more fully."

Developers, architects and house builders should bear in mind that houses would in due course be occupied by elderly people.

"If we design houses for old people, they can be occupied quite effectively and comfortably by younger people," Professor Stout said. "The problem is that so many of our houses are designed for young people, and are not suitable for the old."

Ideally, living accommodation should be able to be managed by people at varying stages of their lives, without the need for frequent moves. "It is much better to be able to bring the care to the patient's home than to have to move the person," he said.



JOHN REDMAN

Sir Denis Rooke, left, with Sir David Attenborough who yesterday succeeded him as BA president

Dinosaur lives on with blunted teeth

Off-beat ideas and catchy phrases kept science in the public eye this week. Nigel Hawkes believes that the British Association must survive

THE British Association is a venerable body that exists on only the most tenuous financial basis, Sir David Attenborough, its new president, said yesterday.

After a week in which much time has been spent discussing dinosaurs, it would be tempting to draw the obvious parallel. Indeed, the association has some of the dinsoaurs' charm, impressive but ever threatened with extinction. Can a group that emerged when science was still a pastime, and a well-educated man could hope to encompass it all, have a future in a world riven into narrow specialisms?

Some 3,500 people have attended sessions at Polytechnic South West this week. The archetypal BA regular is, perhaps, a retired female teacher who might best be played by the late Margaret Rutherford. In recent years, those solid citizens have been joined by younger people, including sixth formers who receive bursaries to attend.

There is little professional kudos in lecturing to the BA, but publicity awaits those who combine sensational claims with a plausible manner. The days when original findings were reported to the BA are long past. Now the trick is to find interesting titbits, clothe them in academic language and decorate them with a catchy phrase.

The lecturer who pulled off that feat most successfully this week was Dr Helen Haste, president of the psychology section, with her characterisation of women as wives, whores, waifs or witches. Her use of Madonna as her example was the masterstroke.

A close runner-up was Dr Michael Fuller, who envisaged growing cauliflower that tasted of cheese. Asked whether this would be possible, he replied: "Somewhere between a pipe-dream and never." That judgment could apply to some other contributions this week, but then, the BA is science with its hair down.

For Sir David, the association's function is to try to dispel three fallacies of science: that it is incomprehensible, dull or dangerous. "We should emphasise the part it plays in our lives," he said. "Not only is it indispensible, it is a source of the deepest pleasures and excitements."

The theme of next year's meeting in Southampton will be the oceans. The BA, keen to end the perception that it hibernates between its annual meetings, has established regional organisations, so far in the North-East, North-West and south Wales. Those groups hold regional meetings and also young scientists' days, which are supported by local industry.

The BA was set up in 1831 by a group disgusted by what it saw as Britain's neglect of science. Nothing changes. The strongest sentiment in many laboratories today is despair about where the next penny is coming from. Science tends to exaggerate its problems and sometimes fails to identify the real ones.

Nobody leaving Plymouth yesterday, however, doubted the need for the BA to soldier on. Extinction was the last thing on anybody's mind.

NEONATAL CARE

Survival chances of premature babies improve

By Our Medical Correspondent

ADVANCES in the intensive care of premature babies have so improved their prospects of survival that specialists are now concentrating on the babies' long-term welfare.

Neil Marlow, a specialist in neonatal care at Bristol Royal Hospital for Sick Children, told the association that 40 years ago in Britain, six out of ten premature babies weighing less than 3½lb at birth died and two out of ten survivors were handicapped. There is now a 65 per cent survival rate and only about 10 per cent have such handicaps as cerebral palsy.

"We can throw technology at these children and do astounding things in allowing their survival," Dr Marlow said. "But we need to make absolutely sure that the survivor's quality of life is as high as possible."

One consequence of the progress is that many mothers whose babies survive feel guilty that they failed to produce a normal infant. They and other family members might also find it difficult to cope with the baby's needs at when eventually it goes home.

A study of Merseyside babies born 12 or more weeks premature and continued until they were eight years old, showed that most were achieving their full potential. However, about 30 per cent were impaired in their movement, behaviour and learning.

"There is a continuum of impairment associated with neonatal illness which may not be apparent until middle childhood," Dr Marlow said. "But there is no evidence that major handicap is more frequent among babies who have had neonatal intensive care, and the vast majority of such babies appear to reach their potential and have a normal quality of life."

A premature infant project in Avon, funded by Action Research, is studying the effects of medical intervention in babies eight or more weeks premature, and the value of offering health worker support to their parents.

RURAL SAFETY

Dangers lurk in peace of the country

By Nigel Hawkes

JUST when you thought it was safe to go out, Britain's first professor of countryside management has issued a list of the dangers lurking amid the rural calm.

Rogue diseases, allergies, uncontrolled power tools, biting insects and polluted water pose dangers for those recently moved from town to country or simply taking a stroll. Roy Brown, somewhat tongue-in-cheek, suggested at the British Association meeting that the only way to get around the country safely was in protective clothing with a complex sensing system to warn of dangers.

"If you swim you are likely to drown or be poisoned by polluted water, not to mention the midges which get you when you come out," he said. "A walk on the moors may result in a tick bite leading to arthritic disease, while inhaling spores from bracken may give rise to even worse ailments. Even cutting the grass or trimming the hedge could be fatal. Scratch yourself on a bramble and you might get hepatitis."

Professor Brown's aim was to show those shifting from town to country that the move is not without dangers. The greatest risk area is the garden where almost 30,000 accidents occurred last year. Power tools caused 45 per cent of accidents, while 4,000 people injured themselves with spades, 5,000 with forks and 1,500 with secateurs. Most could be avoided by common sense.

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MEDICAL ADVANCE

Breast cancer death rate reduced

By Thomson Prentice

THE risk of breast cancer patients dying from the disease within ten years of receiving drug treatment has been reduced by more than 25 per cent, a leading specialist said yesterday.

However, a total cure would come not from drugs or surgery, but from understanding the genetic abnormalities that cause cancer, Michael Baum, of the Royal Marsden hospital, London, said.

"I recognise as a cancer surgeon that to rise above the plateau of rates of cure is beyond the competence of surgery, and may be beyond chemotherapy. The solution is likely to be a biological one," he said.

It was wrong to believe that any cancer was terminal because cures were being achieved. However, doctors were putting more emphasis on the quality of life for sufferers. Professor Baum said: "Many of my patients show a remarkable ability to readjust during the progress of their disease. They maintain surprisingly high levels of well-being despite their illness."

Studies showed little difference in survival rates between women who had a mastectomy and those who had treatment that allowed the breast to remain. "This enables us to give women a choice," Professor Baum said.

In a group of his patients offered that choice, 30 per cent opted for a mastectomy. "They felt it was a once-and-for-all operation with little risk of recurrence," he said.

NAME CHANGES

Three cheers for plain old English

By Nigel Hawkes

TRADITIONAL place names are being eroded by "faceless people" at the BBC and the United Nations, the geography section of the British Association was told yesterday.

Dr Herbert Sandford, of the College of St Mark and St John, Plymouth, spoke in defence of names such as Peking and Canton and against the modern versions, Beijing and Guangzhou. The old forms, he said, were being eroded in favour of "a veritable babel of meaningless foreign unpronounceables and unspellables".

He told the story of a traveller booking a ticket to Peking, who was told by a young travel agent: "You can't fly to Peking. That's the capital; the airport's at Beijing."

Dr Sandford, who described himself as fellow and consultant at large of the centre for cartopedagogic studies in Plymouth, blamed the government's permanent committee on geographical names and the BBC for the "march into the mire". The committee actively participates in the corruption of the language, he said, while the BBC constantly prescribes new pronunciations. "Auntie Beeb's power to pervert our language is indeed impressive," Dr Sandford said.

"Bully for the Britisher who's not afraid to speak his mother tongue," he added. "Bully for the one who still says Archangel instead of Arkhangel'sk! And bully for he who's kept saying Cambodia for, after some dalliance with Campuchea, the official name is now back to our familar Cambodia."

"Let us protest this corruption by the perverting language mongers," he declared. "Let us denounce them, utterly and now. Let us insist upon our Peking. To Hell with Beijing."

Ancient right to burn peat preserved

By Peter Davenport

FIFTY residents of hamlets in the Pennine foothills of West Yorkshire have beaten off a threat to end their ancient right, first granted in Saxon times under Edward the Confessor, to burn peat in their homes.

The 17,000 acres of the Graveship of Holme were to be included in a new smoke-control zone to come into operation next spring. Officials of Kirklees council rejected appeals from the "hearth holders" to allow them to continue their tradition, although the environment department said the council had the power to do so.

The Graveship was one of 12 formed when the ancient Manor of Wakefield was divided and is now believed to be the only one. Under its ancient charter, residents are allowed to dig peat on land owned on their behalf by a "constable".

The hearth holders refused to accept defeat, secured the support of Graham Riddick, Conservative MP for Colne Valley, and threatened to take the local authority to the European Court of Human Rights. Now the council has reconsidered and has granted an exemption to the smoke control legislation.

A council spokesman said yesterday: "It was decided that, because of the historic and long established practice of peat burning and because it involved a relatively small number of people, an exemption could be granted in this case. The exemption followed talks between the leader of the council, the Graveship and officers from the environmental services department. An annual list of peat burners will be supplied to us so that we can monitor the situation."

The decision marks a victory for the peat burners after a five-year campaign. Arthur Quarmby, an architect and constable of the Graveship of Holme — centred on seven ancient townships in the Holme Valley — was elected to the post ten years ago, following his father in a family tradition. "This is a triumph for the little man and a victory for a little bit of old England," said Mr Quarmby.

"People said we would never beat the council and the government, but we have proved them wrong. It was difficult to believe that something granted to us by Edward the Confessor all those hundreds of years ago was going to fall because of bureaucracy."

Mr Quarmby said that research had shown that peat performed as well as permitted smokeless fuels and that Dublin had continued to allow its use, when all other solid fuels were banned in the city, as it moved to meet European Community conditions on air quality. Although the exemption covers about 10,000 people who live in the Graveship, only 30 to 50 households a year regularly cut and burn peat.

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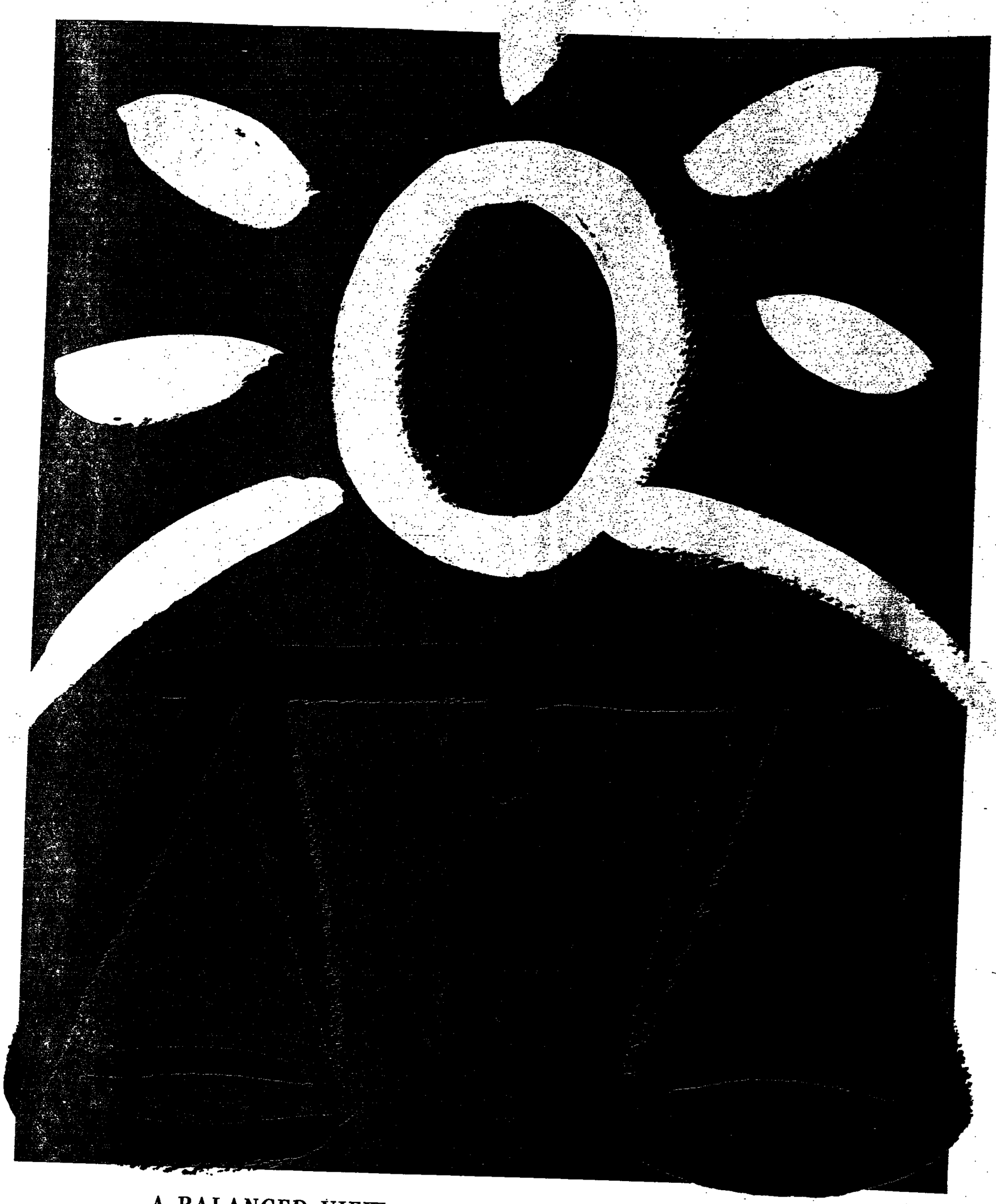

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Twin-track policy as the West pushes for reform in Moscow and courts Peking

American backing boosts Major in his mission to East

From Robin Oakley in Washington and Catherine Sampson in Peking

JOHN Major flies to Moscow tomorrow for a meeting at which, he and President Bush have agreed, he must persuade Presidents Gorbachev and Yeltsin that there is only a limited opportunity to launch economic reform and prevent chaos in the Soviet Union.

Britain and America, setting the pace within the Group of Seven, currently chaired by the British prime minister, will next month send in the first "lifeline teams" of experts in food production and distribution. They are prepared, after their holiday talks in Maine, to press for the early accession to the International Monetary Fund of the newly independent Baltic republics and possibly of individual Soviet republics.

Mr Major, who flies out after little more than 24 hours in Britain, will be the first Western leader to visit the Soviet Union since the abortive coup. He arrived back yesterday, delighted by the success of his working holiday with Mr Bush and with a remarkable endorsement which will not be without value in election year. At an informal clambake late on Thursday night, Mr Bush, not a man given to hyperbole, followed his earlier tributes to Mr Major's chairmanship of the G7 summit by declaring that there was now between the United States and Britain an "extraordinarily special relationship".

It was the formal endorsement of what British officials believe to be a demonstrable fact. Eighteen months ago the White House was ringing Bonn before London. But there has been no looking back since the speed and extent of British support in the Gulf war reminded America where its closest European ally was still to be found.

Mr Bush and his advisers believe in a more integrated Europe and are anxious for Europe to do more for its own defence. But they are also worried about a "Fortress Europe" and one which arrives at defence decisions without consulting them. They are looking to Mr Major to bridge the gap, safeguarding their defence interests in Nato and persuading his European Community colleagues that the talks in this round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade must be completed by the end of the year if a trade war is to be avoided.

Officials believe that Mr Bush has a true regard for Mr Major's political feel. The Kennebunkport trip saw them shading the small Anglo-American differences over the speed of Soviet access to the IMF and over recognition of Baltic independence. A genuine warmth was apparent between the two.

When Mr Major arrives in Peking on Monday, neither he nor his hosts will miss the irony of his rapid progress from the scene of newly deceased communism in the Soviet Union to its very heartland in China.

In stark contrast to his trip to Moscow, which is aimed at bolstering anti-communist reform, the effect of Mr Major's visit to China will be to bolster Peking's hardline communists. He will be the first leader of a Western industrialised nation to visit Peking since the killing of unarmed demonstrators in Tiananmen Square on June 4, 1989.

The Chinese, who invited Mr Major, are eager for an end to the ban on high-level visits which was imposed after the killings. Peking is believed to have requested Mr Major's visit in exchange for their seal of approval for Hong Kong's new airport. During his visit Mr Major will sign the airport agreement, which will enshrine the right of the Chinese government to a large say in the running of the British territory before 1997.

Having urged the Soviet Union towards political reform, Mr Major is expected to find himself tongue-tied when talking to the Chinese leadership, his concerns about democratisation outweighed by fear of antagonising Peking and thus causing problems over Hong Kong.

Recent events in the Soviet Union have served to bring Peking's political paralysis into sharp relief in the eyes of the world. "I'm sure the Chinese will be eager to hear Mr Major's impressions, although we approach the situation in the Soviet Union from different ends of the spectrum," one diplomat said.

What has happened in the Soviet Union, however, is expected to do nothing to change Mr Major's message on Hong Kong, which is one of co-operation with Peking in the period before 1997. Mr Major is expected to keep his remarks on human rights low-key. He is likely to avoid pressing Peking for concessions on a faster pace of democratisation in Hong Kong before 1997.

British officials suggest that Mr Major's visit will not mean complete normalisation of relations, and that the crushing of the pro-democracy demonstrations has not been forgotten. To Peking, however, Mr Major's visit means just that. Yesterday Wu Jianmin, the foreign ministry spokesman, said: "I think Prime Minister Major's forthcoming visit to China marks the resumption of normal ties between our two countries."

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How's that? George Bush tries out a cricket bat signed by the England Test team — a farewell gift from John Major

NUCLEAR ARMS

Bush puts brave face on shift in control

From Susan Ellicott in Washington

BEHIND President Bush's studied wait-and-see response to the turmoil in the Soviet Union, American officials are trying to calculate the effects of the fragmentation of the rival superpower on the security of its nuclear arsenal.

Concern about stability in the Soviet Union since the failed coup is a likely boon for the American conservatives. Richard Cheney, the defence secretary and their leading voice of caution about Soviet affairs in the Bush administration, has cited possible civil war, famine and questions about the future control of weapons in breakaway republics as grounds for ignoring Democrat pressure to increase defence spending cuts.

So far, President Bush and other senior officials have put a brave public face on the threat to American security posed by the command of Soviet nuclear weapons passing to individual republics. On Thursday, at a press conference with John Major, Mr Bush was confident that whoever ended up in charge "will do the right thing".

In a poll released yesterday by NBC News and *The Wall Street Journal*, 57 per cent of Americans were edgy about the Kremlin's hold on nuclear weapons as republics assert their independence. Only 14 per cent said they were unconcerned about future safety.

COMMUNIST ALLIES

Kabul radiates confidence in Soviet support

From Christopher Thomas in Kabul

PRESIDENT Najibullah of Afghanistan was confident yesterday that the Soviet Union would continue supporting him and his beleaguered government even though most of his staunchest allies have been ousted.

He said that he had received no indication that Moscow would reduce supplies of food, fuel or weapons, because signed agreements existed between the two countries.

Dr Najibullah was adamant that he would not resign to allow an interim government to be established prior to elections, a consistent demand of the Americans. Such a move would not be in the interests of democracy. He said that the United States might reduce military supplies to the mujahedin rebels fighting to overthrow him. This might mean that extremists would be more inclined to enter a dialogue with the state.

Najibullah: adapted to changes in Moscow

For all Dr Najibullah's confidence about his relationship with the Soviet Union, there are real concerns in Kabul about Moscow's ability and desire to maintain aid levels, which America has estimated at about $300 million (£175 million) a month. While that figure is probably an exaggeration, the commitment is a burden that Moscow would like to shed. Boris Yeltsin, the Russian president, had demanded an end to the supply of arms and said that weapons for Afghanistan should not pass through Russia.

Asked about the likelihood of food shortages this winter, Dr Najibullah said that every country at war suffered food shortages, high prices, even starvation. The government will give priority to feeding its military forces of 500,000 this winter, as well as the large and privileged bureaucracy. For the rest, the winter will be hard because of prohibitive prices of food and heating fuel.

Dr Najibullah said that he would like the deposed king, Zahir Shah, aged 75, to return from exile in Italy. He had "some criticism of the king" for not coming home and taking part in the peace process.

As for American demands that he step down before elections are held, he said: "We are prepared for free, direct, secret elections supervised by the United Nations and other international agencies. The authority should be given to the people to make the choice. It is time for all of us to hold tightly to the principles of democracy."

Even Dr Najibullah's fiercest opponents must be impressed by his staying power, despite a war that has cost a million lives and practically demolished the national infrastructure. The Americans overestimated the strength of the mujahedin groups, which continue to fight among themselves. Their inability to co-ordinate military action is the main reason for the government's survival.

Dr Najibullah said that the relationship between Afghanistan and Moscow was deep and historic, and he had received no "signals" from Moscow regarding the "non-fulfilment of the Soviet Union's commitments". He added: "We hope the Soviet Union, as a guarantor of the Geneva accords, will fulfil its obligations towards expediting a peaceful and political solution to the Afghan problem." Co-operation between the two countries would continue within the framework of agreements. Mutual co-operation had continued despite events in both countries. Afghanistan wanted to expand this co-operation.

Dr Najibullah has adapted his political outlook to changes in the Soviet Union. He has abandoned communism and renamed his party, which proclaimed marxism, the Homeland party. He said that the free market was keeping Afghan marketplaces full.

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Yeltsin piles up points in union bout with Gorbachev

Shevardnadze: refused to join security council

Competing concepts of the new Soviet Union underlie the struggle for power between Gorbachev and Yeltsin, **Mary Dejevsky** writes

AS THE republics of the Soviet Union and its restored president, Mikhail Gorbachev, continued to jockey for power, Boris Yeltsin, the Russian leader, has made a flying visit to Latvia, reportedly to discuss a possible compromise over Baltic independence. While Mr Yeltsin supports full independence, President Gorbachev is believed to harbour misgivings, despite almost worldwide recognition for the three republics.

Earlier, Mr Yeltsin had delivered a radio address setting out his vision of the new Soviet Union and Russia's role in it. "The concept of the union is not exhausted," he said. "There is still a strong desire for a new, really free and really voluntary union of sovereign and, I stress, equal states ... We should not be scared because several republics have declared independence ... the republics themselves will create the new centre."

Both Mr Yeltsin's trip to Latvia and his address showed that the Russian leader was not intent on splitting the union. His union, however, would be very different from Mr Gorbachev's new union. While the Soviet president favours a strong centre with its own institutions, Mr Yeltsin has inclined increasingly to the idea of a minimalist centre which exists courtesy of the republics.

Mr Yeltsin's union would include a reduced army, a co-ordinated foreign policy, a single central bank and a single currency, a single energy and transport system where necessary to cross republic boundaries, and a small, federal police force like the Federal Bureau of Investigation. All central institutions would be ruled by inter-republic committees.

Mr Gorbachev still wants a centre to be represented by people who might be regarded as "all-union", or "Soviet", rather than Russian or Ukrainian, for example. He wanted the security council to comprise not only the heads of the nine republics but two members of the former security council and six personal nominees, plus himself. Three of these, including Eduard Shevardnadze, the former foreign minister, have declined.

The disagreement between Mr Gorbachev and Mr Yeltsin on the shape of the union has always existed, despite the alliance they forged in April and despite superficial agreement on the new Union Treaty. The final version of the treaty fudged key questions of taxation, property ownership and management of natural resources, because this was the only way agreement was possible.

The power struggle between Mr Gorbachev and Mr Yeltsin in the past week relates to their competing concepts of the new union, and the comparative success of each has to be seen in terms of what they are trying to achieve.

Mr Yeltsin was so far ahead yesterday that it was hard to see how he could be beaten. Most of Mr Gorbachev's attempts to hold the centre together had been frustrated.

The republics had continued to declare independence. He had failed to convince Soviet television audiences that the union parliament was serving any useful function. He had no new prime minister and only fragments of a union government. He had appointed a new head of the KGB, a new defence minister and a new interior minister, but Mr Yeltsin's hand could be seen in each appointment.

Most of Mr Gorbachev's actions over the past week have been related to the dismantling of the old structures, not creating new ones. Almost his only positive action has been the establishment of the Russia-dominated interim economic committee and a presidential committee to oversee communications (to involve republic representatives).

Mr Yeltsin, by contrast, now has officials from the Russian Federation in almost every senior economic post, including that of chairman of the state bank. Mr Yeltsin has decreed Russian control of Communist party property and archives on its territory, KGB archives, government and KGB communications systems, and the emergency control he announced over troops on Russian territory during the coup has not been rescinded.

While Mr Yeltsin has taken a great deal of real power for Russia over the past ten days, he has done nothing to suggest that he intends to encroach on the rights of other republics which would make up his version of a new Soviet Union. All his decrees have been restricted to matters relating to Russian territory.

Mr Gorbachev will soon have to decide whether he can stomach Mr Yeltsin's vision as the only feasible union, or resign and let the republics get on with a confederation, as many now favour. A test of his intentions will be his attitude to direct presidential elections.

THE UKRAINE

Party to be outlawed as nationalists tighten grip

From ROBERT SEELY IN KIEV

THE Communist party in the Ukraine was expected to be outlawed last night as the republic's nationalist politicians strengthened their hold on government policy.

The party apparatus in Kiev, the Ukrainian capital, was deeply implicated in the failed hardline coup last week after documents bearing the signature of the party leader, Stanislav Hurenko, were discovered in the party headquarters. The ban, which was expected to be made by the Ukraine's praesidium yesterday evening, will formally declare illegal all party activities in the Ukraine, which if it achieves independence will become the second largest country in Europe after Russia.

The ruling praesidium also announced eight measures to be put before the parliament in Kiev next week which include the demand for the Ukraine's share of gold and hard currency reserves held by the Soviet central authorities to be returned, and the immediate transfer of all state-run enterprises from Soviet to republican control. Before this summer Moscow ministries had run 95 per cent of the Ukraine's industries.

The speed at which the Ukraine's normally plodding government has pounced on the dying body of the party here, historically the most powerful of all 15 republican Communist parties, is proof of the determination of the republic's government to oust the Communists from its decision-making processes. Arrests of those implicated in the coup are not expected to begin until next week, when the republic's parliament will start its autumn session. This week 56 MPs said that they were resigning from the Communist party.

Other plans announced yesterday include the protection of foreign investments, a change in agricultural policy, and the creation of a Ukrainian news service. "This has been a remarkable week, a historic week for the Ukraine. We have proclaimed independence before, and have learnt how to die for it. But before now we have failed to create an independent state," said Mykailo Horyn, a leader of the republic's independence movement, Rukh.

Although nationalist politicians hold few key jobs here, they set the tune to which politicians, tainted by their membership of the Communist party, have had to dance. The republic's current political leader, Leonid Kravchuk, is one of those who has tried swiftly to align himself with the new forces of power.

The party's expected banning clears the way for a clean-out of the Ukraine's corrupt political old boy network. Although most senior Communists are still in the positions of influence and power they occupied before the coup, the majority of them are expected to go the same way as their party in the coming months.

Critics claim that the Ukrainian Communist party's complicity in the coup is proved by coded telegrams sent from coup leaders in Moscow outlining the course of action the Ukrainian Communists should take after the seizure of power.

APPARATCHIKS

Doors close on seats of power

Moscow — Heads down, clutching boxes of books, a plant or an electric coffee pot, the apparatchiks of the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist party could be seen yesterday leaving their offices for the last time.

The imposing building in Old Square, which until last week housed the offices of the party leadership, had been sealed by the Moscow city government. Yesterday armed police were searching parcels being taken out.

A group of about 50 former employees stood silently outside the door to the socio-economic department in the back of the building, which for decades had symbolised party power. The front of the building was blocked and most had to use a side entrance in a narrow street in the old Kitai Gorod district, once a warren of alleys and churches that was almost entirely pulled down to make way for the complex of buildings. *(AFP)*

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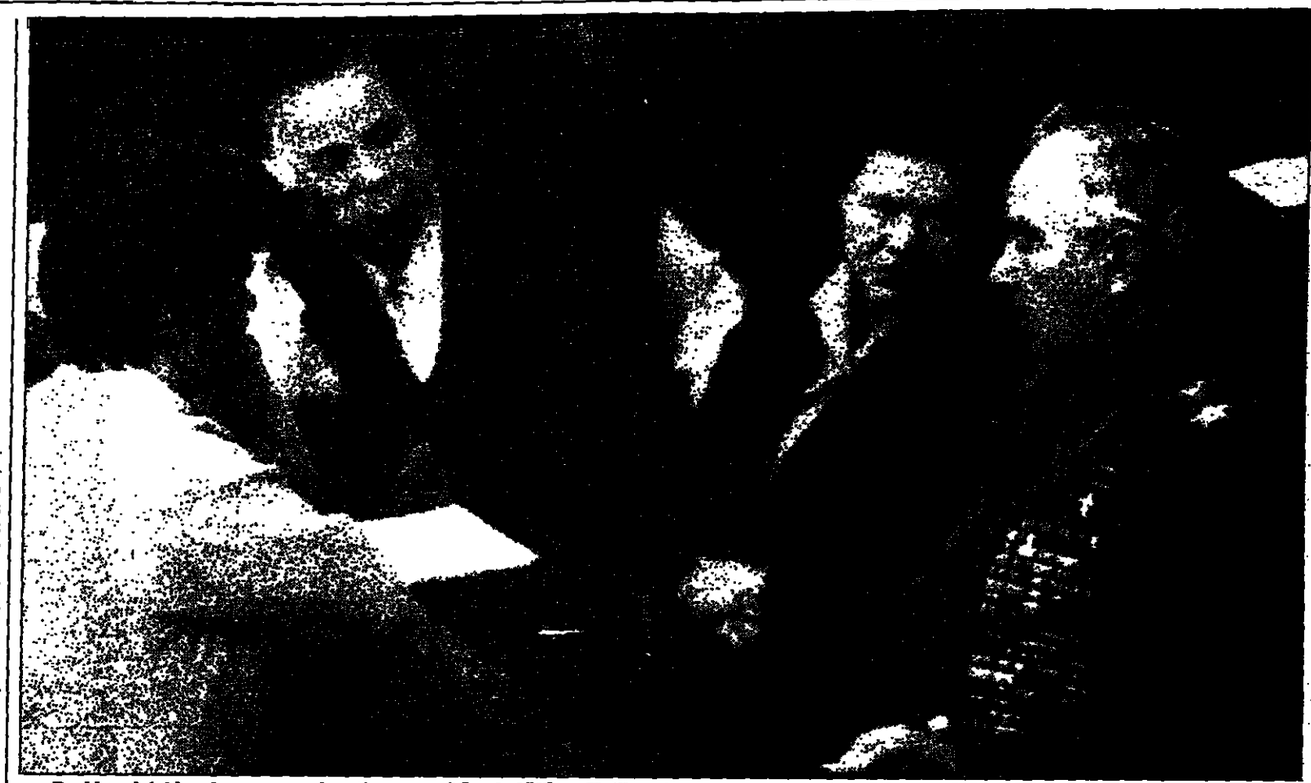

Backbench lobby: three women deputies corner Marshal Viktor Kulikov, the former commander of the now defunct Warsaw Pact, to discuss events in Moscow during a break yesterday at the Supreme Soviet. The sacked parliamentary chairman, Anatoli Lukyanov, has been charged with treason

RUSSIAN RESISTANCE

Kabul venture provided freedom's champions

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

WHEN Leonid Brezhnev sent troops to Afghanistan in December 1979 to prop up the Kabul regime, he can hardly have imagined that, less than 12 years later, the venture would produce an alternative army able to topple Soviet communism. Yet that is how the Afghan veterans who masterminded last week's defence of the White House, the Russian parliament, see it.

Sasha received serious leg and arm wounds in the Afghan campaign. Now an invalid "second class", he was on the barricade which halted the first tank advance on the night of August 20 and saw Dima Komar, one of his Afghan comrades, killed.

This week, curled up in a grimy quilt in the front cabin of one of the barricade buses listening to a rock cassette, Sasha has been helping to keep watch over the site in the central Moscow underpass where Komar and two other young men died that night.

Sasha remembers Tuesday night last week as he remembers Afghanistan, as a combination of military strategy, personal challenge and irretrievable loss. Veterans of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, known as "*Afghantsy*" played a dominant role in the defence of the Russian parliament.

"In Afghanistan we were doing our small civic duty. Then we saw how they treated us when we came home. Nothing, just nothing." Last week, he and his comrades in arms suddenly had a cause: Russia, freedom, and Yeltsin.

Sasha said he heard about possible military deployments in Moscow as early as the previous Friday. *Afghantsy* still serving in one of the elite divisions near Moscow had tipped him off, and not only him. Over the weekend leading up to the coup, *Afghantsy* converged on Moscow from all over Russia, just in case. On the Monday morning, when the first tank convoys arrived, they went to the "White House" and started to build their defences.

Sasha gave a detailed account of the Afghan experience as it applied to central Moscow. "You see, you have to know how a tank works and how it behaves. You have to build barricades with a certain gradient if you want to stop it. But that's not enough. You need spikes and pieces jutting out. Really, you have to immobilise it. Petrol bombs in bottles are not big enough even for the light tanks they were using. You have to have really big containers, you need to add carbide to the petrol, and you have to throw them under the path of the tank, so that it destroys its caterpillar track. Then it can't move properly. Then you can attack it from the top and behind. It can't reverse, and you have to make sure it can't turn round."

Sasha and his *Afghantsy* comrades — "Captain Valeri", Vadim, the paratrooper, and Sveta, from Moldavia, who had been in the medical corps — were the foot soldiers who defended the "White House". "Sveta is all right," Sasha said. "She's the only woman we'll have around. We know she keeps calm."

But *Afghantsy* were also prominent in the Russian high command. Aleksandr Rutskoi, the Russian Federation's vice-president, was a bemedalled fighter pilot; Konstantin Kobets, the Russian defence minister, also saw service in Afghanistan, as did the two senior Soviet commanders — Yevgeni Shaposhnikov of the air force and Pavel Grachev of the paratroops — who refused orders to support the coup.

Viktor Gromov, the most famous of the Soviet Union's Afghan heroes, however, took the wrong side last week. Although not directly implicated in the coup plot, he nailed his colours to the hardliners' mast by signing a newspaper appeal only days before the coup which called for army intervention. He now claims that he had gone on holiday without authorising the use of his name, but his reputation is soiled.

Fallen idol: a young girl with a head for heights explores the Lenin monument which was toppled outside a factory in Vilnius last week

ASIAN REPUBLICS

Azerbaijan joins popular rush to win independence

By HAZHIR TEIMOURIAN

AZERBAIJAN, a southern Soviet republic, yesterday declared itself independent. Kazakhstan, in the north, apparently did likewise but without formally saying so, instead signing a treaty with the Russian Federation that refers to "the former Soviet Union". The treaty gives Kazakhstan joint control with Russia of all Soviet armed forces and nuclear establishments on its soil.

Azerbaijan, with the unanimous decision of the state parliament in Baku to declare the country immediately independent, became the ninth former constituent of the Soviet Union to break away. Only six states now formally remain in the union, four of them with Muslim majorities.

The parliamentary resolution that changed the status of the republic said: "Considering that Azerbaijan was from 1918-1920 an independent state recognised by the international community, and in accordance with the state constitution and the law on the sovereignty of republics, we declare the restoration of the independendence of the state." The assembly also ended the state of emergency imposed on the republic by Moscow after the anti-Armenian riots in January last year. Later it was debating the setting up of a national guard.

The independence decision was unexpected, since the Azerbaijani parliament remains under the control of hardline communists who participated in the violent suppression of the nationalist demonstrations of early 1990. The leaders of that movement, the Popular Front, called for the declaration of independence to be put to a referendum, clearly suspecting that Ayaz Mutalibov, the republic's leader, was resorting to the ploy to escape the censure of Moscow. Immediately after last week's coup, Azerbaijan broadcast a statement of support for it, although this was withdrawn when it became clear that the coup leaders were facing difficulty.

Kazakhstan, the second largest republic in the union, signed the treaty with the Russian Federation yesterday in the hope that it will avert the danger of war with Russia. Nursultan Nazarbayev, the Kazakh president, a hitherto hesitant ally of President Gorbachev, signed the treaty with Aleksandr Rutsky, the Russian vice-president. The treaty commits Kazakhstan to military and economic co-operation with Russia on the model of an agreement that Russia signed with the Ukraine on Thursday.

While speaking of "the former Soviet Union", the treaty supports the earlier decision of Mr Nazarbayev to shut down the Semipalatinsk nuclear testing centre and speaks of "the strategic importance" of Kazakhstan. All "decisions, problems of military strategy, space research and communications must be taken on the basis of consultations and agreements between the states only", the text of the treaty says.

On Monday, Kazakhstan and the Ukraine were alarmed when a spokesman for Boris Yeltsin, the Russian president, said that Russia reserved the right to review its borders with any neighbouring republic that decided to break away from the union. About 38 per cent of the population of Kazakhstan is believed to be Russian and Ukraininian. Only 36 per cent is Kazakh.

Moldavia Russians threaten blockade

Tiraspol — Ethnic Russians in Moldavia threatened to cut off power and gas to the rest of the breakaway republic yesterday after their leader was arrested on suspicion of supporting last week's Soviet coup. The city council of Tiraspol, capital of the Russian-speaking Dnestr region, said it would shut down a gas pipeline, cut off electricity and block roads and railways unless Igor Smirnov, the Russian minority leader, was freed.

A Moldavian interior ministry spokesman said earlier that Moldavian police had seized Mr Smirnov on Thursday in the Ukrainian capital, Kiev, and taken him back to the Moldavian capital, Kishinev, to face accusations of supporting the coup.

"The sanctions will have a strong impact on Moldavia," Tiraspol's deputy mayor, Vladimir Rilyakov, said. "We expect the Kishinev government will retaliate with force. But we are ready to defend ourselves and use the same weapons they use against us."

Leaders of the Dnestr region say that they represent 700,000 people who want no part of an independent Moldavia dominated by ethnic Romanians. *(Reuter)*

Links restored

Lisbon — Portugal's centre-right government is to restore diplomatic relations with the Baltic republics, whose incorporation into the Soviet Union in 1940 it has never recognised. The EC, including Portugal, agreed jointly this week to recognise Baltic independence. *(Reuter)*

Castro praise

Hanoi — President Castro of Cuba has praised Vietnam for sticking to the socialist path, the Vietnamese Communist party newspaper *Nhan Dan* reported. In a message congratulating Vo Van Kiet on his election as prime minister, he said the two socialist countries should strengthen ties. *(Reuter)*

Reformer quits

Sofia — Andrei Lukanov, a former prime minister and leading reformer in the Bulgarian Socialist party, formerly the Communist party, has left the party leadership in protest over its failure to condemn the abortive Soviet coup. His resignation is a blow to the party ahead of October general elections. *(Reuter)*

Emergency aid

Tokyo — Japan may offer emergency food and medical aid to Soviet Union, but only after it has a clear picture of the situation there, Ryutaro Hashimoto, the finance minister, said. Tokyo has long ruled out substantial help until Moscow returns four islands seized at the end of the second world war. *(Reuter)*

Mongolia shift

Ulan Bator — Mongolia, putting ever greater distance between itself and Moscow, has agreed to recognise the independence of the three Baltic republics. An extraordinary session of parliament also decided to ban senior government and media officials from belonging to a political party. *(Reuter)*

Pentagon victim

Washington — The Pentagon has suspended publication of its annual book, *Soviet Military Power*, because of uncertainty about the situation in the Soviet Union. The book, normally packed with pictures, graphs, charts and text on Soviet arms and strategy, is widely used as a reference work. *(Reuter)*

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Communists get the blame as Solidarity government resigns

From ROGER BOYES IN WARSAW

THE Polish prime minister, Jan Krzysztof Bielecki, yesterday submitted the resignation of his battered Solidarity government amid accusations that Warsaw communists were in league with the discredited Kremlin plotters. The surprise move demonstrated how unstable the Polish political scene has become since the Soviet crisis erupted on the country's eastern border.

The breaking point for the slight, bearded prime minister was reached when former communist deputies — who still dominate the lower house of parliament, the Sejm — blocked urgent amendments to the 1991 budget. That was an attempt to derail the Bielecki government's strict monetarist policies and a ploy moreover to capture votes in the October elections. But Mieczyslaw Gil, the leader of the Solidarity caucus, suggested yesterday that a much more sinister communist plot was at work.

"There were contacts between the Social Democrats (the new name for the communists) and the leaders of the putsch before the attempted coup in the Kremlin," he told parliament yesterday, urging that the secret police investigate the activities of the former communists. Most Polish politicians discount these claims. But clearly only a few communist deputies are expected to survive Poland's first fully free elections and their only chance is to exploit popular discontent with the government's policies.

Bielecki: unable to get emergency powers

Mr Bielecki decided this week that he needed special emergency powers to secure his budget. But by Thursday night it was plain that he would not be able to muster a parliamentary majority for such powers. When some left-wing deputies drew up a no-confidence motion, Mr Bielecki seized the chance and resigned first. "I refuse to be an object of a surrealistic game, a manipulated dummy, for several months because that would plunge the country into chaos and anarchy."

After Mr Bielecki's speech, President Walesa immediately left his seat in the parliamentary gallery and hurried to his palace to plan the next move. His spokesman, Andrzej Drzycimski, referring to the threat of a communist counter-attack, said: "It is obvious that the government now needs special powers for the transition into a new sytem. The recent weeks in Russia show that waiting any longer would be disastrous. The president expects parliament to grant the government the necessary special powers for the period preceding the elections."

If parliament accepts the Bielecki government's resignation, it will be the second Solidarity government to fall since the 1989 revolution. The leader of the first government, Tadeusz Mazowiecki, spoke yesterday against accepting the resignation: "The fall of this government would mean a great and deep crisis for Poland."

Blame for the political upheaval was being placed squarely on the ex-communists yesterday. But in fact there are signs that the move has been carefully choreographed by President Walesa, who put Mr Bielecki in the prime minister's job eight months ago.

Certainly, the president was convinced that Poland was going through a very unsettled phase: the tension of an election campaign was beginning to mesh with the dangerous ripples from the Soviet Union. This week several thousand pensioners burst through the gates of the presidential palace and protested to Mr Walesa.

Political pressure has also been mounting from right-wing parties who want the removal of the finance minister and deputy prime minister, Leszek Balcerowicz. Professor Balcerowicz is the architect of a radical market economy programme that has curbed inflation and accelerated privatisation but also thrown 1.6 million Poles out of work.

President Walesa's strategy is to regain control of the political game and ensure that power does not leak on to the streets. If parliament accepts Mr Bielecki's resignation, then power will rest firmly in the hands of the president. If the resignation is not accepted, there would be no further obstacle to granting special powers to the government.

Mr Bielecki, a modest businessman whose main passion is playing football, is distinctly uneasy with this pre-election game. The president may be acting in the government's interest — to preserve willy-nilly the Balcerowicz reforms — but the president's advisers are rather more ambiguous. Slawomir Siwek, a minister in the presidential chancellery, has been publicly floating the idea this week of replacing Mr Balcerowicz as deputy prime minister and perhaps confining him to the finance ministry. "The ideas of the Balcerowicz programme need not be implemented by Balcerowicz himself," he told reporters.

On a knife edge: an unemployed man, Montree Mee-anand, a knife in each hand, holds a woman hostage at Bangkok airport while demanding two million baht (£47,000). After a three-hour stand-off on Thursday, police attacked and disarmed the man and his hostage was freed unharmed

Cracks show in EC unity over Croatia conflict

By GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

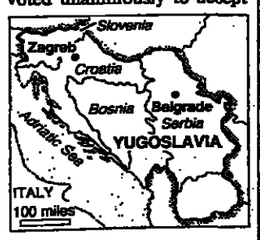
AS YUGOSLAVIA slides deeper into civil war, the European Community is beginning to regret its enthusiasm for Balkan diplomacy. What once seemed a dream opportunity for the EC to prove how influential its joint foreign policy could be is turning into a nightmare.

As Slovenia and Croatia declared independence from Belgrade in late June, the community fired off a trio of foreign ministers on the first of many peace missions. "We are here on behalf of the people of Europe," one minister said solemnly as he confronted the quarrelling Yugoslav republics. Two months later, as Croatian villages are reduced to rubble and the EC's own unity is cracking, the people of Europe's representatives are downcast. "The Yugoslavs have been at this since the Middle Ages," said one EC diplomat this week. "We have to be very careful we don't get sucked in."

But the positions evolved by the EC make retreat difficult. On Sunday the latest of the EC's ceasefire deadlines will pass, and there is little chance that the Serbs will by then have stopped firing or even agreed to join a peace conference. The foreign ministers will then meet next Tuesday to discuss stiffer sanctions against Serbia. At the meeting the community's own divisions may break into the open.

The quarrel was only just contained this week when the ministers discussed Yugoslavia at a bad-tempered dinner after their decision to recognise the Baltic states. Throughout the discussion, which lasted until midnight, recognition of Slovenia and Croatia was never mentioned, although it is an option that hangs over and divides every meeting.

This background lends an added irony to the decision by the Yugoslav federal government to accept the community's latest peace proposal. Ante Markovic, the federal prime minister, said in Belgrade that his government had voted unanimously to accept



EC arbitration in the Serb-Croat conflict and an extension of the EC ceasefire monitoring mission to Croatia.

Since, however, the federal government is now virtually powerless, except as a go-between, its acceptance of the community's peace proposal has a more symbolic than real importance. Only talks involving both Croatia and Serbia can have any substantive value, and Serbia has so far made no response to the community.

By contrast, Vuk Draskovic, Serbia's leading opposition politician, said he welcomed the idea of an EC-sponsored peace conference but that it should include opposition parties from Serbia and Croatia and the United States and the Russian Federation.

Race row sours Zionist dream

From RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

FOUR months ago Israel's largest immigrant absorption centre was filled with emotional displays of Zionist enthusiasm as the first of 15,000 Ethiopians from a vast civilian airlift began their new lives as Israeli citizens.

Today, armed security guards watch over the new arrivals to deter racial violence between Soviet and Ethiopian immigrants, whose clash earlier this week left four Soviet immigrants in hospital. Officials have concluded that the centre, at the Diplomat Hotel, should be closed or set aside for either the 600 Ethiopians or the 200 Russians.

"The Russians hate us," said Moula Naga, from Addis Ababa. "They are jealous of us, because the Israelis gave us such a good welcome." He recalled that the incident, which according to police involved a pitched battle on Monday night among 30 immigrants armed with steel bars, stones and knives, had been triggered when a Soviet immigrant called a Ethiopian child *kushi*, Hebrew for black. The next night, groups of Ethiopians and Soviet immigrants, many of whom have long been settled in Israel, decided to get even.

This week, Soviet immigrants have not been shy in revealing their feelings about the Ethiopians, describing them as "lazy, stupid and backward". Alexander Elkin, who is living at the hotel, said: "Everyday they [the Ethiopians] only sleep, eat and dance — at a time when the Soviet immigrants are working, or looking for work."

The incident has shocked Israeli society and embarrassed the authorities, eager to play down any notion of racial tension. It has highlighted social pressures at the hotel, partly caused by overcrowding but intensified because of the greater resources diverted to the Ethiopians to help them adjust to modern society. Soviet Jews are given an initial government grant but must then compete for scarce jobs and housing.

British tourist couple shot in Miami robbery

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

A BRITISH tourist was seriously ill in hospital yesterday after she and her husband were shot by muggers when they strayed into a high-crime area of Miami on the first day of a holiday.

Rose Hayward, aged 59, was in a serious but stable condition with a punctured lung from a bullet which narrowly missed her heart. Her husband John, aged 63, was shot in the shoulder.

The retired couple, from Great Bourton, near Banbury in Oxfordshire, were in a hired car when at least two men in another vehicle warned them that their car may have caught fire. It is believed shots were fired after Mr Hayward resisted demands for money and credit cards.

The couple's three children, Philip, Jacqueline and Clifford, flew to Miami yesterday together with Mr Hayward's brother Lionel.

The shooting dismayed hotel and tourism officials in Miami, who are offering a $10,000 (£6,000) reward for the capture of the gunmen.

Holidaymakers were warned not to take unnecessary risks abroad. The Association of British Travel Agents (Abta) urged tourists to comply when held up and ordered to part with cash or credit cards.

Keith Betton, Abta spokesman, said: "Those on package holidays always have the reps to advise them of places best avoided. People travelling abroad independently should consult the Foreign Office or check with guide books about the less desirable places."

Mr Hayward's brother Dennis, aged 68, said Mrs Hayward was shot in the chest once or twice. "The bullets went just inches from her heart. He had been told the couple were driving along "when a car with a couple of respectable-looking black men pulled alongside. They said sparks were coming from the back of the car and said they would fix it for them. They followed them and pulled up to a quiet area, and that's when they got the gun out and demanded money." He said Miami authorities and Virgin Atlantic had been helpful.

Last month Bob Duddle, aged 60, from Preston, Lancs, was shot by muggers in Georgia after refusing to hand over his watch and cash. He survived the attack. In July last year David Creasey, aged 50, from Newark, Notts, was shot and injured by muggers in Orlando, Florida.

Glossy city where gun culture rules

From CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

FOR the past quarter of a century, a sense of danger has been part of the allure of Miami, a city where the macabre mingles with the exotic and where the most bland suburbanites routinely pack a pistol in the car glove compartment.

Seen from the north, Miami is America's tropical playground as well as the venue for revolutionary intrigue, glamorous criminals and the pulsating buzz that comes from the Latino community that now accounts for nearly half of its population. But along with the glossy images, the pastel hues and palm trees, Miami harbours an extraordinary level of common, violent crime. According to the FBI, the city became the most dangerous in the country in 1990 for the combined rate of murders, assault, violent robberies and rape.

The factors that have led to record murder rates in other cities have been amplified. Drugs and the social collapse of the black inner city have combined with the culture of the struggling Latin immigrants who have flooded into Miami over the past ten years. The Hispanics resort freely to the gun to prove machismo and settle arguments. Added to that is the pervasive gun culture. Just about everyone in Florida seems to own an arsenal. Even more than in New York and other violent zones, local residents use their firearms for the merest dispute.

The rules are simple: stay out of certain districts, such as the Liberty City section where John and Rose Hayward strayed on Wednesday night. If accosted by young black or Hispanic men, you show "respect" and comply swiftly with all commands. Tourists are easy prey, particularly the millions who have flooded in from Europe in recent years, helped by the cheap dollar.

Tourist trap: Rose and John Hayward, who were shot and injured on the first day of a Miami holiday

RAF joins shield for Kurds

London — Eight RAF Jaguar aircraft are being sent to Turkey as part of the coalition protecting Kurds from possible attack by Iraq. The fighter-bombers will join American and French aircraft at the Incirlik air base in southeast Turkey, near the northern border with Iraq (Bill Frost writes).

The deployment is an addition to Britain's contribution to the rapid reaction force, which already includes 130 Royal Marines. Tom King, the defence secretary, said yesterday that the force was intended "to provide further reassurance to the people of northern Iraq".

Cambodia deal

Pattaya, Thailand — A comprehensive peace settlement ending 12 years of war will be signed in October when the International Conference on Cambodia reconvenes in Paris. The decision was made when representatives of the permanent members of the UN Security Council met Cambodian leaders here.

Singapore vote

Singapore — Half the electorate will be going to the polls today in the country's ninth general election. At stake are 40 of the 81 parliamentary seats. The other 41 were uncontested and have been retained by the People's Action party which has formed the government since 1960.

Pretoria shuffle

Cape Town — President de Klerk of South Africa has installed Roelf Meyer as the defence minister in place of General Magnus Malan. Hernus Kriel assumed responsibility for the police force and simultaneously became minister for law and order, replacing Adriaan Vlok. *(Reuter)*

Delaying tactic

Colombo — President Premadasa of Sri Lanka suspended parliament until September 24, avoiding an early debate on an impeachment motion against him that is supported by two cabinet ministers. The motion lists 24 alleged abuses of power, corruption and illegal family deals. *(Reuter)*

Jail siege ends

Talladega, Alabama — Prison officers stormed the jail here, ending a rebellion by Cuban inmates who have been holding nine hostages since August 21. The assault was preceded by explosions, and an hour later FBI agents indicated that the siege was over. The 121 Cubans are now facing deportation. *(AP)*

Riviera exile

Paris — General Michel Aoun, the Lebanese Christian army leader, began his exile in a luxurious villa on the French Riviera, after he was spirited out of Beirut by the French secret service. He remained silent and all but invisible to supporters, a sign that Paris intends to make him adhere to a ban on political activity.

Bomb surprise

Hong Kong — A Chinese court fined three men 500 yuan (£53) and imposed two-year suspended jail sentences for blowing up pythons, the Chinese news service said. The snakes killed by explosives were sold in Fujian province, where snake steak and soup are delicacies. *(Reuter)*

Belgian motor racing fans brand British justice as the pits

From TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

BELGIANS are not at all happy at the prospect of their leading Formula 1 driver, Bertrand Gachot, spending the next 18 months as a guest of Her Majesty in Northeye prison, Sussex.

The "Free Gachot" campaign in a country devoted to motor racing reached near-hysteria last week as hundreds of Belgians demonstrated outside the British embassy in Brussels. Newspapers are imploring citizens to write to their fallen idol, even supplying his prison number.

Gachot's career was spun into an unscheduled pit stop two weeks ago by Judge Butler, evidently unamused by the Belgian's resort to CS gas in an argument with a London taxi driver. Gachot was found guilty of assault and was also given six months to run concurrently for possessing a gas canister. The sentence has shocked Belgians, who are more used to their relatively lenient legal code. Among the banners unfurled outside the British embassy were "Your justice scandalises Europe" and "Better a spray in London than a dagger at Heysel".

Past glories: Gachot holding the winner's trophy

The treatment of the British hooligans convicted of causing the deaths of 39 people at the 1985 European Cup final in Heysel has had a thorough re-examination in the letters pages of the Belgian press. Not only were they let off lightly, it is frequently noted, but they also had televisions in their cells. No such joy for No. MW 3024, Jebb Avenue, Brixton, SW2 5XF where Gachot spent his first two weeks in captivity before being transferred to Northeye this week after protests from his lawyer and English girlfriend, Kate Palmer.

The embassy demonstration was led by Belgium's two other Formula 1 drivers, Thierry Boutsen and Eric Van De Poele. "There's nothing else to do except write to Bertrand," said Boutsen. "I'm staggered that this should happen just as his career was taking off." Gachot is ranked 11 in the driver's championship, and has four points from one fifth place and two sixth places.

Although he will appeal against both his conviction and sentence on September 19, most Belgians agree that in the highly competitive world of Formula 1 the 28-year-old Gachot could be finished. Already Jordan, the Silverstone-based outfit with whom he races, has found a competent replacement in the German Michael Schumacher who, in practice for the Belgian grand prix last weekend, drove faster than Gachot had done all season.

"I can't see him recovering from the psychological blow anyway," added Philippe Licourt, motor racing correspondent with *La Dernière Heure*. A fanciful report in one Belgian paper said that Gachot had to follow what would have been the race of his season from coded taps on prison bars by other inmates.

In fairness Gachot, who lives with Miss Palmer in south London, probably had little idea of the rashness in carrying a CS gas canister in England. The canisters are freely available in The Netherlands and are not uncommon in Belgium. "It's crazy," said Van De Poele. "Arguments like that happen all the time."

The campaign, called "Gachot — Why?", has collected 1,972 letters of support for Gachot and a further 1,754 letters of complaint to be delivered to Kenneth Baker, the home secretary. On September 10, hundreds are expected to take part in a protest march. The organisers say that they also want to point out the stupidity of having different rules around Europe. "It's scandalous," said Michel Neugarten, a Belgian motor racing personality who argues that Gachot probably had no idea that he was committing an offence by spraying Eric Court, aged 48. "It's like we have been put back to the Middle Ages. We're preparing for the Europe of 1992 and we haven't even got the same laws. This spray is freely sold in Holland and banned in England — but if it's really considered a weapon it should be banned everywhere."

Ironically, the Brussels police have just announced that they, too, will carry CS gas. "Armed like Bertrand," as a daily newspaper, *Le Soir*, put it. The gas temporarily stuns assailants by reacting with water in the eyes to produce stinging tears. It also causes a searing headache and stomach cramp.

Theoretically, the gas is safer to use than a truncheon, as permanent injury is unlikely, and enables police to gain the upper hand quickly. "Before, if the truncheon didn't work we had little choice but to use the revolver," said a police spokesman.

But *Le Soir* unkindly reminded readers of some of the hazards of CS gas. Apparently, when the police were testing their new gadgets on a bunch of unruly football supporters at this year's Belgian cup final, they succeeded only in knocking out a number of colleagues because the wind was blowing in the wrong direction.

Clifford Longley

Religious traditions should be cherished, just like rare species

The British Jewish community has its moment in full view of the nation tomorrow, when the ceremony of installation of a new Chief Rabbi is televised live from St John's Wood Synagogue in London. The ceremony also marks the retirement of Lord Jakobovits, who in 25 years as Chief Rabbi enhanced his position to a national esteem matched only by that of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster.

His successor, Dr Jonathan Sacks, is only 43, and an English native. He represents the ascendancy of a new style of Jewish leadership as it takes over from a largely immigrant generation, that which fled to Britain to escape the rise of fascism. Naturally that generation's priorities were set by its cruel experiences, and also by deep gratitude to Britain for the shelter it was offered. Dr Sacks feels only the gratitude to his country proper to any Englishman.

The British were not particularly graceful about accepting Jewish refugees from Russia at the turn of the century, nor particularly generous, at least regarding numbers, before the last war. But apart from occasional fringe outbreaks of anti-Semitism, the British Jewish community is now so at home that it no longer needs to be told it is welcome. Anti-Jewish slights are probably no more common than anti-Catholic ones, and it is Muslims who today bear the weight of British bigotry.

Only if the British are very foolish will relations between different communities take on the angry and confrontational pattern that is emerging in America, especially in New York. Britain should aim in the opposite direction, to develop a culture of tolerance which goes beyond toleration. The whole community needs to respect and cherish the differences embedded in it as part of the stock of national wealth. Indeed, this is not far from Dr Sacks's message in his Reith Lectures last year.

Just as the ecology movement is stressing the preservation of species and the environmental movement the conservation of notable architecture and landscape, so the ancient religions should be valued as one of the general assets of civilisation, belonging to all. Rare species of plant, 20 years ago regarded as mere weeds to be poisoned, are now known to contain a wealth of chemicals and potential medicines, exploration of which has hardly begun. Great forests, 20 years ago mere fodder for sawmills and obstacles to agriculture, are now known to be essential to the survival of life itself.

In the ecology of human civilisation, religions have a role to play which is no less vital. But for this to happen, the disparagement of religion must give way to a cherishing of religion, by those who are not personally involved in its practices. In the cultivation of this positive respect for religion, the British have made a start by their regard for the Jews. It is not necessary to know precisely what makes Jews tick, nor to approve of everything about them. But there is a widespread perception that Jewish scholarship, law, worship and family life enshrine an ancient wisdom, and that mysteriously this culture has an unsurpassed record at extracting the best from the talent available. This perception makes Dr Sacks's elevation an event of national importance.

There are equal reserves of wisdom in the many varieties of Christianity present in British life, and no less in Hinduism, Sikhism, Buddhism and Islam. To stamp them all flat in the name of conformist liberal secularism would be as stupid as wiping out every rare species because their value is not obvious to passing fashion.

How does the hat stand? **John Grigg** ponders the impact of politicians on the fashions in headwear

So is it hats off for good?

Until about 30 years ago, it was normal for a British man in the professions or in business to go to work wearing a hat. In Whitehall, the West End, the purlieus of the law courts and the City of London, as in the centres of other British cities, male heads were almost universally covered. Today, anybody travelling on a bus in a metropolitan area looks down on a sea of bare male heads.

Hats used to be regarded as an essential part of men's dress, without which any self-respecting male felt faintly indecent. Moreover, the doffing of them had ritual significance. A man would remove his hat, as a rule, when greeting another man in the street, and certainly when greeting a woman.

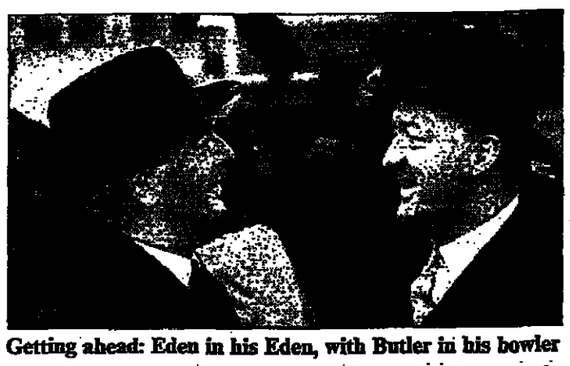
In Whitehall before the last war, men would take off their hats when passing the Cenotaph. The urge to make such gestures may have largely disappeared, but to the extent that it still exists it is no longer convenient to make them.

The sense of sartorial, social and almost moral outrage occasioned by the spectacle of a male celebrity not wearing a hat in the 1930s is well caught by John Betjeman in the closing lines of his poem "On the Death of King George V":

Old men who never cheated,
never doubted,
Communicated monthly, sit and stare
At a red suburb ruled by Mrs Simpson,
Where a young man lands hatless from the air.

The young man in question was, of course, the new king, Edward VIII, and if he had stayed on the throne his influence as a trendsetter and arbiter of fashion might have led to earlier abandonment of the hat, at any rate by men of his own generation or younger. But his abdication may have had the opposite effect: in reasserting traditional values it may, among other things, have confirmed the need for men to wear hats.

Between the wars the predominant type of male headgear was the bowler, although soft felt hats were gaining ground. In particular, the black Homburg was popularised by Anthony Eden when he was a youthful and rather dashing foreign secretary. Indeed, it came to be known by his name, and was accepted as the appropriate hat for leading politicians by some whose opinions and personal styles were very different from his.



Getting ahead: Eden in his Eden, with Butler in his bowler

There is, for instance, a comical picture of Clement Attlee wearing an "Anthony Eden" in his constituency of West Walthamstow during the 1950 election, as he shakes hands, rather self-consciously, with a cloth-capped workman.

Another picture, of R.A. Butler and Harold Macmillan leaving 10 Downing Street during the Suez crisis in October 1956, may perhaps be seen as a portent. Butler is wearing a bowler, while Macmillan is hatless. Was it entirely a coincidence that when, soon afterwards, the premiership was up for grabs, the hatless man won?

At the beginning of the 1960s, a more glamorous politician than Macmillan undoubtedly helped to make formal hats unfashionable for men. According to Richard Stephenson, managing director of the long-established firm of hatters, James Lock & Co, the hatlessness of John F. Kennedy was a decisive influence. Although in other respects a conventional dresser (he bought his suits in Savile Row), Kennedy dispensed with hats, and his relaxed, often dishevelled image appealed to an age turning against restraint.

The 1960s was anyway a time when luxuriant hair — the longer the better — was flaunted by young men as a mark of machismo. Another factor was that men were increasingly driving to work in their own cars, where it seemed as pointless to wear a hat as to do so indoors.

Finally, there may have been a Cold War element. The hatlessness of Kennedy and all the Western politicians who copied him differentiated them in a dramatically visual way from the grey men of the Kremlin in their uniform grey felt hats. Recently, however, Mr Gorbachev's fidelity to the grey Kremlin hat has given it a friendlier symbolism.

Will hats ever return as articles of clothing *de rigueur* for Western men in their working lives? At present there is a great demand for every kind of men's headgear, in tweed, cotton or straw, that may be needed for leisure purposes. Lawyers, bank clerks, civil servants, politicians and others who go hatless to work are likely to wear hats or caps for many of their outdoor recreations. But formal hats are still a drag on the market.

Mr Stephenson of Lock's, however, notes some stirring of interest in formal hats among customers in the 25-30 age group, which he says may be attributable to the impact of period films or television series such as *Brideshead Revisited*.

Showbiz personalities have so far been rather more hat-orientated than politicians, Elton John being perhaps the most obvious example. Among politicians there is no sign, as yet, of an Eden-equivalent for the 1990s.

Perhaps the formal hat has gone for good, except as part of the uniform of a disciplined service. At least the modern hatless multitudes are spared one inconvenience that used to be all too familiar. "There are very few moments in a man's existence", Dickens wrote in *Pickwick Papers*, "when he experiences so much ludicrous distress, or meets with so little charitable consideration, as when he is in pursuit of his own hat."

But losing one's hat momentarily in a gust of wind may one day again be seen as a small price to pay for the feeling of completeness and spiritual security that a hat can confer.

The long, hard road to freedom

With no tradition of democracy, the Russians need all the help that we can give them, writes **Richard Pipes**

In nearly seven centuries of its history as a state, there were only two periods when Russia was not ruled by an autocracy. The first, known as the "Time of Troubles", occurred in the early 17th century, when the demise of the ruling dynasty resulted in social turmoil and foreign intervention. It ended in 1613 with the installation of the Romanovs. The second period followed the revolution of February 1917. It ended eight months later in communist dictatorship.

The third began last week. The government of the Soviet Union being for all practical purposes dead, the country has no central government. How this political crisis will resolve itself is a matter of supreme concern not only for her inhabitants but for the rest of the world, since Russia is no longer the marginal country it was during previous breakdowns of central authority.

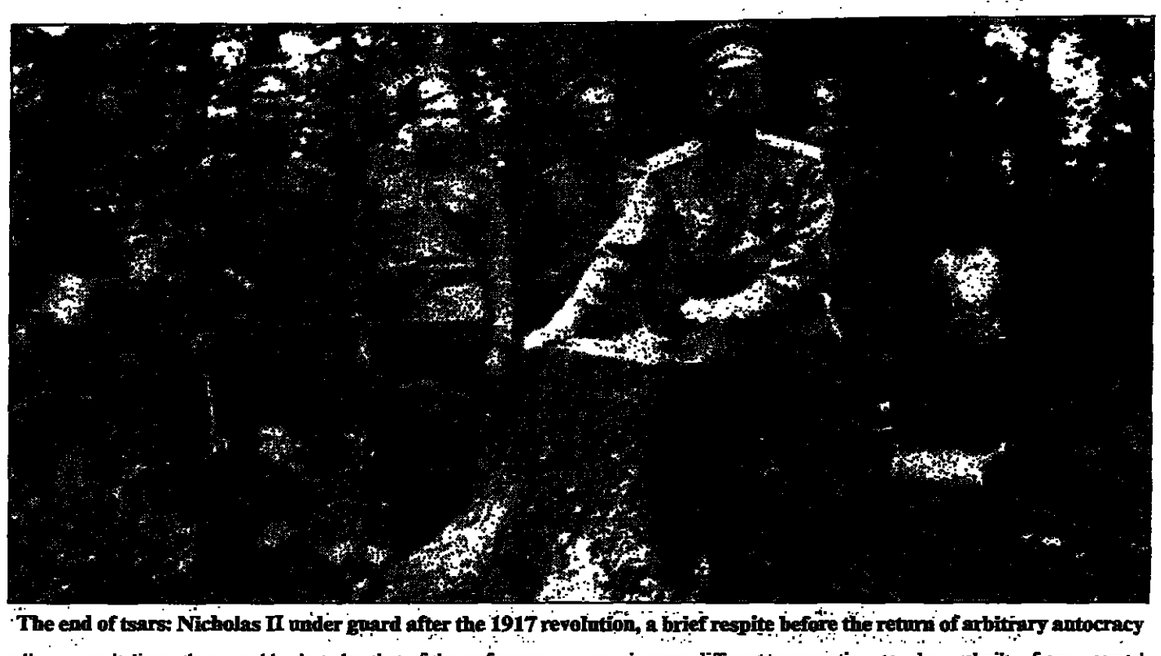
Except during the decade preceding the 1917 revolution, the population of Russia and its dependencies has never participated in political decisions. These were made by the self-appointed and self-perpetuating central government, with the help of a bureaucracy and an army which owed allegiance not to the nation but to the sovereign, whether the tsar or the head of the Communist party. Still, until 1917, Russia's government interfered very little with the life of its subjects. The country was essentially an agglomeration of tens of thousands of villages, which came into contact with the authorities only about taxes and recruits. Otherwise, the population was left to its own devices.

Comparisons with Western states show that tsarist Russia was very lightly administered. The government was arbitrary, but its sphere of activity was largely confined to high politics, which did not much impinge on the life of ordinary citizens.

All this changed in 1917-18. The government remained as arbitrary as ever, but it also spread its tentacles to the remotest village: nothing escaped the reach of what Mussolini called the totalitarian regime's "capillary organisation". Russians and the subject peoples were pulled into the life of the state, but in a purely passive role, as involuntary actors whose function was to bestow legitimacy on the government's actions. There was involvement but no participation, and Soviet citizens had no more occasion than before to acquire the habits of citizenship.

Now they have the best opportunity ever given them to construct a free society. The abortive coup has removed for a long time, possibly for ever, the reactionary party apparatus, and with it the threat of a totalitarian restoration. The new threat comes from within the democratic movement, from the incomprehension of what democracy is and how it functions.

For those who live under stable democratic governments, it is extremely difficult to understand how complex democracy is, and what attitudes and what institutions have to be developed for it to work. Americans regard democracy as a natural form of government, and tend to believe that its absence is due to either ignorance or failure of will. President Reagan, who accurately reflected the ethos of mid-America, was convinced that if one only had the chance to demonstrate to the Russian leaders the benefits of democracy and its adjunct, capitalism, they would instantly be converted.



The end of tsars: Nicholas II under guard after the 1917 revolution, a brief respite before the return of arbitrary autocracy

But Russians are thwarted from translating their yearning for freedom into a democratic order by lack of understanding of some of democracy's principal attributes. They find it difficult to grasp that it is proper in a democracy to pursue politics, individually as well as collectively, for private benefit: that the function of government is not to realise ideals but to reconcile interests. Because their governments have never represented them, Russians think of private and public spheres as antithetical. They have litle tolerance for the use of state institutions in pursuit of special interests, and even when professing democratic ideals they want the government to stand above the concerns of its citizens.

Secondly, accustomed to live for centuries under arbitrary authority — not only that of the state but also that of the serf owner — Russians interpret freedom as *volia*, or license, that is, the absence of restraint. To be free is to do as one pleases. They have to learn that genuine freedom is exercised within the law, and hence subject to restraints. And where such restraints are not enforced by self-discipline, freedom either collapses in chaos or yields to discipline imposed by others.

But there are also factors on the positive side of the ledger which augur well for the future of Russian democracy. No one contributed more to the breakdown of order in 1917 and the reimposition of tyranny than the intelligentsia, which was irresponsible, given to utopian fantasies, and committed, in Trotsky's words, to "overturning the world". This intelligentsia perished in the holocaust it had caused. The new one is very different: pragmatic and willing to learn, it wants not utopia but normality.

The people at large, too, having suffered untold losses and aware how communist leaders misled them, are prepared to settle for Western philistinism. Their traditional xenophobia seems a thing of the past: the anti-Western exhortations of Solzhenitsyn and like-minded nationalists fall on deaf ears. The Russian people do not perhaps quite realise the drawbacks of democracy and the free market, but they certainly have no appetite for any form of dictatorship.

The months and years ahead will be very difficult at best. With the collapse of the Communist party, the 15 republics of what was the Soviet Union are suddenly left without the steel girding that has kept them intact for 70 years. Virtually all state and economic institutions will have to be rebuilt from scratch because the old are useless rubble. In this trying time, the people of the republics require generous emergency aid from the industrial democracies: not a new Marshall Plan (which in their present condition they could not absorb), but food, fuel and medicines to tide them over while the new institutions are forged and put in place.

Such assistance should by-pass the central structures, which no longer have any authority, and go directly to the republics and their regions. And it should be generous: 1 per cent of the defence budget of the Nato countries does not seem excessive. For if the past is any guide, should anarchy once again triumph, it will not be long before a new despotism arises.

Richard Pipes is Baird Professor of History at Harvard, and author of The Russian Revolution *(Collins Harvill, £20).*

...and moreover

Matthew Parris

Poor Mr Kinnock. I should have warned him about the problems direct sunlight can cause for people with freckles (PWFs), because my sister-in-law has them too. You really do just have to keep out of the sun, I am afraid. Italy was a mistake.

Nevertheless I think I speak for all non-freckled people (I deplore the use of the word "normal") when I say we are full of sympathy and would never laugh or try to make a freckled person feel ridiculous. Caring people want to understand disability, not to mock. I wish I could spend just one day as a freckled person, myself, to experience at first-hand their humiliations. What a hateful thing prejudice is! I do not have a son but if I did and he came to me and said: "Dad, I think I've got freckles," I should immediately reply: "It's not as if your mother and I hadn't noticed, and anyway good on you son!" I am modern enough to know that people with freckles are just as worthwhile as people without — just different, that's all. Anyway, it's not their fault.

All of which is by way of a preamble to saying that I do understand why Mr Kinnock has kept almost entirely out of the news and off television recently: but I think his bashfulness has been unnecessary. Yes, I did see that brief *Newsnight* appearance on his return from Italy, and, yes, they did rather pop out and hit you in the face. But so what? The nation hungers to know the Labour leader's thoughts about events in Russia, and the nation has not been satisfied. We have heard Margaret Drabble and we heard (Oh boy have we heard!) Paddy Ashdown. Now we must hear Mr Kinnock.

So I have a proposal. Politicians should be offered the same artifices as are available to the presenters who interview them. Have you ever seen a television presenter with spots? Of course not: they cover them with make-up and spray their hair. Have you ever seen a television presenter stumped for something informed and interesting to say? Never: whole teams of researchers have been up all night writing his or her script. This is being rolled before the presenter's glazed eyes on a machine invisible to us viewers.

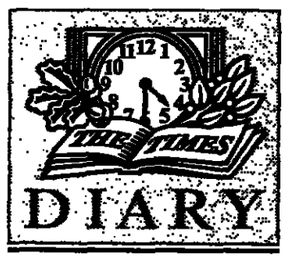
Have you ever seen an interviewer run out of questions? Hardly. He has a little earpiece in his left ear, hidden from camera. From the control box his team is priming him with questions throughout the interview.

And have you ever heard this announcement: "The Arthur Bland Show regrets that Mr Bland couldn't be bothered to fly down to our Westminster studios to present this programme, so it's coming to you from Bolton, where he happens to be?" Perish the thought. They just stick Mr Bland against a painted cardboard mock-up of the Houses of Parliament, as seen (apparently) through some windows behind him. There are no windows. He is in Bolton.

So why is the same courtesy not extended to guests on television? It is a serious question. It is true that as a guest you can have make-up if you like, but you have to ask. *Weekend World* wouldn't let me wear a white shirt, and kept buying me new suits in a desperate attempt to make me look interesting. But my guests came on in any old thing they chose. In a just world, a kindly wardrobe man would say to Mr Major: "Sorry, love, but we're *not* wearing that dreary suit on this programme. Here, try something flashier in maroon alpaca. You can change behind that curtain." Afterwards, the make-up lady would move his parting to the other side, as an experiment.

Nor would Neil Kinnock have to come back from Italy. There must be studios in Tuscany, and he would nip into one of these and sit in front of a poster-painted panorama of Westminster especially flown in. Into the ear you don't see would go a discreet earpiece linked to Gerald Kaufman on a special line, who would offer him hints during the interview as to what it might be helpful to say. The names of those unpronounceable Soviet republics would appear, as required, spelt phonetically, on his autocue machine.

Media professionals cheat: their guests can't. Let the same rules apply to all. When politicians lose their freckles, or the presenters gain some, we shall know this has happened.



Consoling the consul

WILL the good people of Estonia raise the delicate matter of their London embassy with Douglas Hogg when he arrives in the Baltic state next week? Last year, upon an application from the Foreign Office, the High Court froze £2¼ million of Estonian money from the sale of the building in Kensington's Queen's Gate. The Estonian consulate in New York, which maintained the building, had decided to sell it in 1989. But treasury counsel held that the last recorded owners, the Estonian National Bank, had ceased to exist in 1940. Therefore, the British government argued, the money did not rightfully belong to the Estonians unless and until the Baltic state cast off the Soviet yoke.

The argument was clearly one of convenience, designed to avoid upsetting the Kremlin, and stemmed from Britain's contorted position over the Baltics. "Of course the Foreign Office was politically motivated. While Britain never recognised Stalin's annexation, neither did it acknowledge the three Baltic states," says Eerik Kross, Estonia's representative in London. America, on the other hand, has always afforded Baltic diplomats full status — hence the management of London affairs from New York.

With Estonian independence now established, its officials are planning to go back to the High Court in an attempt to release the money. Magnanimously they harbour no ill-will. "We anticipate friendly relations with Britain," says Ernst Jaakson, the consul-general in New York, looking forward to his first return to Estonia since being posted to the San Francisco consulate in 1929.

● *Hampstead residents are hoping that a loophole in planning law could, even at the eleventh hour, save their high street from the fast food chain McDonald's. After a ten year battle, McDonald's is on the point of exchanging contracts on a site which was formerly a burger bar, so avoiding the need for fresh planning consent. But now Camden council is re-examining whether a new application is required, on the grounds that the consent to the previous owners has lapsed. A subsequent change of the premises to a secondhand bookshop, it has emerged, was never approved, an oversight which negates the original consent and takes McDonald's back to square one, according to objectors. The "Burger Off" campaigners are still a long way from victory, but this weekend the hope of Hampstead matching Martha's Vineyard as only the second place in the world to have halted the march of the Big Mac was still alive.*

First prise

Tomorrow heralds the start of the oyster season, with the arrival of a month with an "r", and with it the crowning of a new oyster-opening champion. Twelve oyster men, as they are known in the business, drawn from the kitchens of London's top seafood restaurants, will compete at Hay's Galleria for the prize, awarded to the quickest opener of 20 oysters. The favourites include the oyster men of Wheeler's, Overton's and Scott's, but the competition is said to be wide open. "The boys haven't opened an oyster since April, so they're a bit out of practice," says Carlo Paganini, Wheeler's general manager, who is acting as a judge.

Opening an oyster properly is an art, says Paganini. "There is tremendous skill involved in keeping the juice in, the bits of shell out, and not damaging the flesh — all at high speed." Conoisseurs estimate it will take roughly two minutes to open all the oysters, before cracking open another delicacy: a magnum of champagne.

Old stager

REACHING the grand age of 100 is no excuse for retirement, at least not for Gwen Ffrangcon-Davies. Oblivious to the government's debate on whether to make the uniform retirement age 60 or 65, the actress, who celebrated her centenary in January, starts work today on her latest film. She is to play a dowager duchess in an episode of *Sherlock Holmes*.

Not that a spot of filming is anything out of the ordinary for Miss Ffrangcon-Davies. "She has not stopped working in something like 80 years," says her agent, Larry Dalzell, although he concedes this is her first part as a centenarian.

● *As a former ambassador to China, George Bush has no doubt been offering a few friendly tips to John Major about his Peking trip on Monday. He will, for example, have warned the prime minister that Chinese walls have ears.*

In his memoirs, Bush recalls staying in a Chinese government guesthouse. His wife Barbara decided to write a letter home but found that the postage stamps, so thoughtfully provided, had no gum on the back. "Everything's here but the glue," she complained. Only her husband and one American aide were present at the time. The next day, a bottle of glue was neatly in place on the desk.

Mailshock

THE marketing world is alive with stories of a rather too direct piece of direct mailing. The tale, which is currently the talk of agencyland, says that a mailshot to potential customers was sabotaged by a disgruntled computer operator. Instead of keying in the names of the intended targets, the operator addressed a sizeable number as "Dear rich fat bastard".

Response rates, it is said, suffered not one bit, with many recipients apparently appreciating the joke. However, American Express, the company with which the story is most frequently associated, denies that it has ever been the victim of such a prank.

"The company has heard about this, but it's not us," says a spokeswoman. But Amex has heard of this happening to at least three other companies — although it is too discreet to reveal which. So it it just an urban myth, or has anyone actually received one of these sharply-worded mailings?

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MAJOR'S GLOBE-TROTTING

Most British prime ministers catch the foreign affairs bug fairly late in their term of office. Margaret Thatcher always meant business on these foreign trips. But her precedessors were inclined to treat them as a relaxation from the turbulence of domestic politics, uncomplicated occasions for projecting that curious trapping of high office called "statesmanship". Difficult decisions could be left to the Foreign Office.

In spite of Douglas Hurd's "safe pair of hands", John Major is already emulating the last globe-trotting phase of Mrs Thatcher's reign. His brief "holiday" in Kennebunkport earned him accolades from President Bush and underscored the warmth between them. Mr Bush, who may have been tiring of Mrs Thatcher, is old enough to feel avuncular affection for Mr Major. Personal relations matter. Mr Major now beams to the cameras from within a new Anglo-American "special relationship". That will do him no harm either at home or as he sets off tomorrow for Moscow, Peking and Hong Kong.

Mr Major's first instinct will have been to concentrate on the domestic problems which will decide the next election. The Gulf war, European integration and now the revolutionary turbulence in the Soviet Union may have forced him to assume a high profile in foreign affairs. He has seized the opportunity to make his mark.

The nature of his imprint is markedly different from Mrs Thatcher's. Where she stood out as an impatient and combative visionary, he is all conciliation and steadiness. That has served him well for a debut. His early decision to build up a close relationship with Helmut Kohl and to declare Britain's place "in the heart of Europe" bought him time both with his Community partners and with the divided Tory party. But with a few exceptions, he has dealt in style more than substance.

That is quite appropriate in dealing with America, his G7 colleagues, even the Soviet Union. Here Britain's interests are best projected through an energetic collegiality. The exception is the Uruguay Round of trade talks. Mr Major has yet to use his chairmanship of the G7 to extract from Brussels the new deal on farm trade without which these vital negotiations will fail. Mr Bush is counting on him to do so, and soon.

Mr Major goes to Moscow as a representative of the Western powers, taking with him the offers of emergency assistance to the Soviet Union he concerted with Mr Bush this week, and then reporting back on what he and Mr Hurd judge to be the best channels through which to work. His visit to China, the first by a Western leader since the Tiananmen Square massacre, is a far tougher test.

For Peking, his presence is a propaganda victory, public confirmation that the West is prepared to ignore China's trampling on the democratic rights Mr Major will just have been extolling in Moscow before the world's press. Mr Major must turn this power-play to his advantage with a strong public statement that relations cannot improve without democratic reforms and the release of political prisoners. He needs also to make clear that Britain will block any further inroads by Peking on Hong Kong's right to govern its own affairs after 1997.

Closer to home, he has yet to prove that he possesses the muscle to assert Britain's interests. In Europe, his chosen activism in foreign policy must take on real substance if he is to prevent the European Community from usurping the main functions of a nation state. Mrs Thatcher grasped the fact that an oligarchy of heads of government, such as the Council of Ministers, might agree on the pursuit of common interests, but would rarely coincide in matters of opinion. Political cultures still differ greatly, as the deep splits within the EC first over the Gulf, and now over Yugoslavia, demonstrate.

The jury, both at home and abroad, is still out on Mr Major. The end of Soviet communism ought to make it easier to cut a more robust figure with odious regimes. But the boldness which this makes possible may not be Mr Major's preferred manner. He is by nature a peacemaker rather than a warrior. He has yet, above all, to join battle on the future shape of the European Community, where Britain's interests lie in a free-trading community open to Europe's new democracies.

The complex federalist design being woven so uncertainly in Brussels is not compatible with those interests. That is why the details of economic and political union matter so much. Here the real John Major, his status enhanced by his summer travels, has yet to prove his international mettle.

PROPERTY NOT PEOPLE

If any wisdom at all can be learned from the history of local taxation under Margaret Thatcher it is that Tory backbench opinion is the worst possible judge of reform. "Concessions" to backbench opinion made the poll tax extravagant and unworkable as well as unfair. Similar concessions now threaten a similar fate for Michael Heseltine's valiant effort to replace it with a property-based council tax.

When Michael Heseltine said he was going to abolish poll tax he promised that, above all, he would end the notorious occupancy registers. The new property tax, banded according to capital values, would be clear, simple and unavoidable. So far so good. But backbench opinion — mediated by the whips office — went to work on it. The first distortion resulting was to have just seven bands, with the top band embracing rich and not-quite-poor alike at £160,000 and above. This was meant to minimise the number of Tory "losers". Mr Heseltine gave in, then fought back against this nonsense and introduced an eighth band at £320,000 and above.

Worse was the concession of 25 per cent rebates to single occupiers, students, the disabled and a host of other deserving causes. This is proving immensely complex to administer — as was widely predicted. In order to discover entitlement to rebate, local councils must know who is living in a particular property, and their status and income. The government hoped that, since the rebate would only go to those claiming it, there would be no need for a register, merely a rough investigation of each claim. That might have worked if the rebates had been restricted to already defined groups, such as pensioners and the disabled. By extending them to students and any single occupiers, Mr Heseltine has widened the scope for rebates possibly to half the nation's occupiers.

Councils say they are going to have to keep a register of some sort, or risk a huge loss of revenue from uninvestigated cases. As always, this will be a particular burden in cities, where large areas of housing are occupied by the migratory, the single, the elderly and the poor. The simplicity of the old rate rebates, handled through social security payments, was not enough for Tory backbenchers. They want the new tax to retain what they called a "people element". What Mr Heseltine hoped would be no more than a token of respect to the shades of departed poll tax has grown into a fiscal monstrosity almost as devilish as the one it was meant to replace.

The way out of this is as straightforward as it was back in April, when Mr Heseltine and John Major courageously faced the House of Commons and said the poll tax was to be killed. Mr Heseltine should stop tossing the bloody remains of the near-dead poll tax round his department; he should stop offering his backbenchers some limb or organ of it for good luck; he should stop explaining to its dwindling supporters that the tax is still a little bit alive. He should kill it, once and for all, stone dead. He should declare that such as remains of local taxation in Britain is to be based on property not people. He should have the courage of his convictions.

ARDOURS OF ARCADIA

Having roused his British Association audience into a state of fear yesterday, Professor Roy Brown of South West Polytechnic promptly announced he was only kidding. This expert on countryside management was revealing the many faces of danger lurking in the average pastoral idyll, proving conclusively that only a madman would venture near a blade of grass let alone a whole field of the stuff. Then the anticlimax: towns and roads were still a lot more dangerous than the countryside and its footpaths, and all that wary townfolk need to survive in the great outdoors is a spot of common sense.

The countryside is now for leisure, notwithstanding the farmer who said his preferred revision of the Country Code was "shoot on sight." If there is profit in the long term to be had from the country, it will come less from producing food and more from enticing the daytripper, weekender and holidaymaker. Professor Brown's reassurances may be enough for some rural adventurers, but many more will take them with a pinch of pollen and cancel their picnic forthwith. In any event, town common sense — street wisdom — will not help an awkward negotiation with a flock of geese or herd of cows (or are they bulls?)

Official accident figures show that farms are the second most risky place to work after building sites. Out in the woods and fields, brambles scratch (threatening hepatitis), ticks bite (ditto arthritis), bracken-fern spores float around waiting to be inhaled (lung cancer) and adders swarm about hoping to lunch on a human ankle. Or so Professor Brown implied. And was he really joking when he suggested a suit of "heavy protective clothing" with a "complex sensing system" to warn of the various dangers?

In case he means all this, design should proceed forthwith. For the head, there must be helmet, goggles and mask (against falling branches, head-high thorns, deadly spores in the air). An oxygen supply might be added for city people sensitive to rural smells. Body armour is essential against shotgun pellets, covered with padding to defend against low-flying birds. An outer cover of leather for torso and limbs is the only total safeguard known to man against wasps, ticks and midges, and it should come with pockets adequate for a small hospital casualty unit. Gloves and boots should complete the set: tenders for the design invited.

The professor's reference to a "complex sensing system" suggests another answer. Computers with 3-D video head-gear can now manufacture a fantasy world of "virtual reality". Rather than leaving the car-park to hazard the real thing, users could lie back and think of England as they want it to be, looking like a Constable, smelling of roses, the undergrowth debugged, desnaked and dethorned. Flip-flop open-toed sandals are the main things not to wear in the real countryside, Professor Brown said yesterday when he briefly turned serious. In the Garden of Eden promised by virtual reality, flip-flops are just about all they will need. The countryside would then be free for those who love it just as it is, dangerous only to townie idiots, safer than houses to the rest.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The quest for new harmonies across Eastern Europe

From Lord Hylton

Sir, The unprecedented march of events in the Soviet Union and elsewhere demands that the whole world should think with imagination and a strong will to create new harmonies. A start could be made by offering a place within Nato to the armed forces of the Soviet Union, the Russian Federation and the other Soviet republics.

The military strength of the enlarged organisation could then be substantially reduced and the remaining forces might be retained for defence, the prevention of international terrorism and immediate relief and rebuilding after natural disasters.

Nuclear, chemical and biological weapons are too dangerous and consume too many resources. The opportunity now presents itself for eliminating all present stocks, both Western and Eastern, and for verifying that they are not replaced. Progress made so far in this direction is encouraging, but in itself totally insufficient.

For the future, conventional weapons and electronic devices must suffice for all normal defensive purposes. The United Nations should be involved in the progressive destruction of weapons of indiscriminate slaughter, given the importance of this for world-wide peace.

There has already been much talk and some work on aid to Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. I believe that the West should proceed cautiously, helping first those areas where it has natural links and contacts, for example, the Baltic and Caucasian republics, and the more democratic and peace-oriented provinces of Yugoslavia. The effectiveness of aid should be closely scrutinised.

This year's harvest in the Soviet Union is reported as only moderately good. There is, therefore, the strongest case for allocating the present surplus food stocks of the European Community for immediate short-term aid to the Soviet Union generally. Shortages and hunger might thus be prevented in the first winter after the end of Communist party control. Such a breathing-space for plural democracy and economic change is urgently needed. It may be equally important to break the grip of the Soviet mafias on the distribution of food.

Western food could well be sold at reasonable prices, with old people, the unemployed and large families as the main beneficiaries. The funds generated by the sales could be used for new investment and other urgent improvements.

In a situation of flux and movement new possibilities abound. They can be grasped with imagination tempered by realism, but above all our new approaches should be guided by global morality rather than by expedient and narrow self-interest.

Yours faithfully,
HYLTON,
House of Lords.
August 28.

From Mr Christopher M. Jackson, MEP for Kent East (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, Having seen at the Russian White House (Parliament) in Moscow and the Lithuanian Parliament in Vilnius the places where Russians and Lithuanians gave their lives in defence of democracy, I am even more grateful for their actions, and more convinced that we in the EC must act swiftly to help both the Baltic states and the Soviet republics for humanitarian reasons and in support of democracy and the market economy. It was a close call last week.

Both the Lithuanian president, Vitis Landsbergis, and senior Russian MPs have emphasised to me the urgency of food aid before the coming winter, especially animal feedstuffs.

I am sure the EC policy of laying emphasis on technical assistance for the human skills required to run a market economy is also correct and that trade import credits are required. The priority now is to implement these through the reforming republics and the separate Baltic states.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER JACKSON,
Vilnius, Lithuania.
August 29.

From Mr Stephan Schattmann

Sir, If and when Mr Gorbachev assumes the role of political figurehead or becomes a pensioner, he will be less busy than hitherto. He could do worse than re-read Lenin's article, "Trade unions and mistakes of Trotsky", published on December 30, 1920. In particular, he might ponder these words:

A political leader is not only responsible for the way he leads but also for what is done in his name by those he leads. Sometimes he does not know that; but he is responsible all the same — (*Selected Works*, Lawrence & Wishart, London 1938, vol 9, p 19).

Yours faithfully,
STEPHAN SCHATTMANN,
65c Wigmore Street, W1.

From Mrs Margaret Brown

Sir, My daughter has just returned from Spitzbergen, where she and three other Cambridge students have been studying Arctic foxes. After several weeks of subsisting on dried food, river water and vitamin pills in a remote and desolate region, they encountered four Russian miners in a mountain cabin.

They could speak no Russian, the miners spoke no English, but they were warmly welcomed and offered bread, butter and cheese, and later on a meal of potatoes, cabbage and tinned peas.

A lively interchange of phrases from a phrase book took place and for nine hours they enjoyed the warmth of the Russians' stove.

This simple act of friendship and generous hospitality has made a lasting impression. Is there a message here for the affluent West?

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET BROWN,
Catfield House, Catfield,
Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.
August 22.

Brief encounters with 21st century

From Mr Nick Carpenter

Sir, Anticipating the year 2000, Mrs Sonia Laird Clowes (August 28) questions, then accepts, the usual abbreviation for dates. But the end of the century would be an opportunity for change.

The general rule for quantitative information is rough first, fine last. We no longer use expressions like "four and twenty" much. If dates followed this logic, today would be 1991 August 29 or 91/08/29.

Will *The Times* lead the way? Like the Americans, but unlike common British practice, you already put the month before the day. Put the year first, when it is needed, and all becomes clear. The world would surely follow.

Yours faithfully,
NICK CARPENTER,
4 Lawrence Drive,
Canford Cliffs, Poole, Dorset.
August 29.

From Mr William Greaves

Sir, Your correspondent is doubtless correct to assume that the acceptable abbreviation for October 28, 2000, will be October 28/00. But when we have finally negotiated the nineties, could she suggest which decade we will then embark upon? The noughts? The zeros? Or perhaps, more mathematically, the units?

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM GREAVES,
13 Canonbury Grove,
Islington, N1.
August 29.

From Mr Benjamin Finn

Sir, In addition to abbreviating 2000 as 00 we will soon presumably start pronouncing years like 2001 not as "two thousand and one" — or, frequently, "the year two thousand and one" — but as "twenty-oh-one", by analogy with 1901. Somehow I can't see the other pronunciation, "twenty hundred and one", catching on very quickly.

Yours faithfully,
B. J. FINN,
Smallwood House,
Bradfield St George,
Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.
August 28.

From Mr Timothy G. Milton

Sir, I feel, with respect, that Mrs Sonia Laird Clowes may be wrong about the accepted abbreviation for the year 2000. She omits the "Euro-factor".

Appalling though the prospect may be, the abbreviation of the corresponding date in 2000 could well be, for example, 28.8.2K.

Yours faithfully,
TIMOTHY G. MILTON,
Rabin Leacock Lipman (Solicitors),
91 Wimpole Street, W1.
August 28.

From Mr Tony Fitzpatrick

Sir, I think I should prefer to use "MM".

Yours sincerely,
TONY FITZPATRICK,
39 Hathaway Drive, Warwick.
August 28.

Freedom of Tibet

From Mr Tseten Samdup

Sir, Prime Minister John Major will be the first main Western leader to visit China since the bloody massacre of June 4, 1989. As a Tibetan I hope that Mr Major will not only raise but seriously discuss with Chinese leaders the aspirations of Tibetan people — the early restoration of independence, the end to the violation of human rights in Chinese-occupied Tibet and Chinese students' demands for democratic changes within China.

While in Peking Mr Major will stand shoulder to shoulder with Chinese leaders to witness a massive military parade in Tiananmen Square, where hundreds of Chinese students were massacred. The dramatic changes in the Soviet Union and Britain's recognition of the independence of the Baltic states give Tibetans much hope for a better future. Mr Major recognised the independence of the Baltic states because they had bilateral ties with Britain before the 1940 Soviet annexation. So did Tibet, with a longer relationship.

The past 42 years of Chinese rule in my country has been the darkest period in our entire history. China's present policies of massive population transfer and forced abortion threaten the very survival of the Tibetan identity.

Since China's occupation, more than 1.2 million — one fifth of Tibet's population — have died as the direct result of the invasion. More than 6,000 monasteries, the centre of Tibet's culture and religion, have been destroyed.

We Tibetans demand nothing more than the restoration of our independence and the right to live as Tibetans in our own land.

Sincerely,
TSETEN SAMDUP,
15 Darien House, Darien Road,
Battersea, SW11.

Banks and business

From Mr John French

Sir, Recent bitter experience at the hands of a local bank has made me question the generally held view that the manager is more important than the bank to the health of a small business. However, I am unable to see how a businessman's choice of bank can be based on anything other than his personal assessment of the manager since "competition" ensures similar services and costs from all.

The figures you published today from the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, showing one in 50 companies going into liquidation in the past year, are depressing but useless to the entrepreneur upon whom, it is argued, the long-term health of our economy depends.

How much more useful it would be to know how many of the almost 20,000 failed companies banked at each of the high street banks.

If each bank were required to regularly make known the proportion of its business customers that have failed in the preceding 12 months, the tendency to "pawnbroking" currently so evident might be avoided in future recessions and a more healthy competition invoked.

What better way to make the banks consider the future, as well as the present, during difficult times.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN FRENCH,
283 Otley Road,
Leeds, West Yorkshire.
August 28.

National lottery

From the Chairman of the National Council on Gambling

Sir, Lord Birkett (August 27) states that "new money" for a national lottery will not be at the expense of charities and other extensively available forms of gambling. His assertion that it will not come from "household spending" is therefore disingenuous.

Within limits, gambling is an acceptable form of entertainment, but the emphasis must continue to be on entertainment. Serious problems arise both for the individual and the community when gambling comes to be regarded as an essential source of income.

A person who looks to gambling as a means of improving his financial position is more likely to worsen it by taking the gambling to excess. Similarly, an enterprise which places considerable financial reliance on the proceeds of gambling, as is the case at present in relation to horseracing, is likely to press for extended gambling facilities.

An enlightened aspect of British public policy is that demand for gambling should not be encouraged and that the facilities made available should be sufficient only to meet unstimulated demand. A national lottery is only viable if it is exempt from such constraints. This would be most undesirable since it would lead to an increase in pathological gambling.

Yours faithfully,
E. MORAN
(*Chairman, The National Council on Gambling*),
26 Bedford Square, WC1.
August 29.

Pen-pushers all

From Mr Michael Grosvenor Myer

Sir, "Weekend birthdays" (August 24) lists, inter alia, the birthdays of "Miss Antonia Byatt, writer; Mr Martin Amis, author; Mr Brian Moore, novelist".

What, if any, is the basis of these distinctions of nomenclature?

Yours curiously,
MICHAEL GROSVENOR MYER,
34 West End,
Haddenham, Cambridge.
August 24.

Role reversal

From Captain P. R. D. Kimm, RN (retd)

Sir, I have just received a mail-shot catalogue, addressed correctly, rank and all, in which (among other attractions) I was invited to increase the size of my bust (in six weeks), relieve my pre-menstrual tension and double the life of my perm.

I remain however, Sir, your male, heterosexual and balding servant,
PETER KIMM,
69 New Brighton Road,
Emsworth, Hampshire.
August 27.

Pot luck

From Mr Gordon Fergusson

Sir, Mrs Sheila Hart (August 28) is not entirely correct about all chamber pots now being used for flowers.

I use mine as a tee-pot (*sic*) for my accumulation of golf tees.

Yours etc.,
GORDON FERGUSSON,
Sandy Brow,
Tarporley, Cheshire.
August 28.

Humberside's future

From the Chief Executive of Humberside County Council

Sir, Douglas Broom's article on Humberside (August 23) states that "public reaction to the Boundary Commission's proposal has been overwhelmingly in favour of the breakup of the county".

The commission and the Department of the Environment may have encouraged this view, but it is completely at odds with the response the commission received to its proposal to split the county: 14,000 letters, of which 65 per cent were in favour of the retention of Humberside; 42,800 signatories to petitions, of which 53.5 per cent favoured retention; and 17,600 coupons, of which 52.3 per cent were in favour of retention. I cannot be alone in finding this evidence to be distinctly underwhelming.

On a separate issue, Douglas Broom suggests that a study by Bristol University's School of Advanced Urban Studies found that "the nine district councils in Humberside could run the county's functions". This is a remarkably economical summary of the report. As I see it, the study's essential conclusion was "the current configuration of districts in Humberside provides only a weak basis for arguing for the transfer of county functions to districts as they now stand".

Yours faithfully,
J. A. PARKES,
Chief Executive,
Humberside County Council,
County Hall, Beverley,
North Humberside.
August 23.

Challenging dialect

From Dr Denis Cashman

Sir, Your contributor Veronica Heath (Your Own Business, August 23) writes of the crew of a Seahouses coble speaking in a "challenging Geordie dialect".

I think that unlikely. A Geordie, originally a Tyneside pitman, named from George Stephenson's safety lamp, now means a Tynesider and the "Geordie dialect" changes a great deal between Haydon Bridge in the South Tyne valley and North Shields, near the mouth of the Tyne; but approaching the border, the tongue of the north Northumbrian is different again, the vowels more rounded, the diction more leisurely and with an unforgettably throaty croak. Challenging, yes; but not Geordie.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
DENIS CASHMAN,
4 Derwent Road,
Cullercoats,
Tyne and Wear.
August 23.

Rural curbs

From Professor Victor T. C. Middleton

Sir, In your leading article, "Forever lost" (August 27), you endorse too readily the simplistic CPRE viewpoint that all development in "countryside" is bad. You seek to associate in readers' minds emotive words such as majestic common land, hills, woods and wilderness with a "freedom which is one of the joys of Britain".

To permit development for leisure or tourism purposes, you suggest, means hillsides of concrete, suburbanisation, and an inevitable process whereby a golf course today becomes a whole town.

Much of "countryside" does not fall within your concepts of desirable landscape. There are large tracts of it which have little or no landscape value because they are barren and derelict areas left behind by previous economic exploitation, notably former extractive industries, or sandwiched between urban and industrial developments permitted generations ago.

We in the Tourism Society refuse to accept the false logic that "existing use" is "best use". We believe there is a powerful and convincing case for sustainable development in selected parts of the countryside, which is both sensitive to the environment and responsible in its approach to rectifying existing landscape neglect. Such development may enhance and not destroy; it may absorb pressures otherwise placed on fragile environments in a free society.

Your one-sided view does no service to the nationally vital wealth-creating services based on modern leisure, elements of which can be used to support and not destroy the countryside.

Yours etc.,
VICTOR MIDDLETON
(Chairman, The Tourism Society),
Westcroft, West End Grove,
Farnham, Surrey.

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True to themselves

From Mrs Frances Bissell

Sir, Your medical correspondent at the British Association meeting reports (August 30) that cheese-flavoured cauliflower, pear-flavoured apples and beef-flavoured tomatoes are within the scope of food scientists.

I should be more than happy with a ready supply of tomatoes that taste like tomatoes and apples that taste like apples.

Yours faithfully,
FRANCES BISSELL,
2 Carlingford Road, NW3.
August 30.

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SOCIAL NEWS

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: His Honour Michael Argyle, QC, 76; Admiral Sir Brian Brown, 57; Professor Robert Hanbury Brown, astronomer, 75; Mr Roy Castle, entertainer, 59; Sir James Cleminson, former chairman, British Overseas Trade Board, 70; Lieutenant-General Sir Napier Crookenden, 76; Judge de Piro, QC, 72; Miss Elizabeth Forgan, director of programmes, Channel Four Television, 47; Sir William Francis, civil engineer, 65; Air Marshal Sir Edward Gordon Jones, 77; Mr Clive Lloyd, cricketer, 47; Professor Sir Bernard Lovell, former director, Jodrell Bank Experimental Station, 78; Mr Van Morrison, singer, 46; Mr Edwin Moses, athlete, 36; Mr Bryan Organ, painter, 56; Mr Itzhak Perlman, violinist, 46; Mr Justice Sheen, 73; Mr Cyril Spencer, former chairman, Waring and Gillow, 67.

TOMORROW: Mr David Bairstow, cricketer, 40; Sir Kenneth Bradshaw, former Clerk of the House of Commons, 69; Sir Errol dos Santos, former colonial administrator, 101; Mr Gwynfor Evans, honorary life president, Plaid Cymru, 79; Mrs Margaret Ewing, MP, 46; the Marquess of Exeter, 56; Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Freer, 68; Mr Barry Gibb, singer, 45; Mr Allen Jones, artist, 54; the Earl of Lisburne, 73; Lord O'Neill, 58; Baroness Park of Monmouth, 70; Mr Cecil Parkinson, MP, 60; Sir Austin Pearce, former chairman, British Aerospace, 70; Mr Donald Piggott, former director-general, British Red Cross Society, 71; Mr Manuel Pinero, golfer, 39; Lord Riverdale, 90; Dr Brian Russell, physician, 87; Mr Milton Shulman, film and theatre critic, 73; Lord Thomson of Fleet, 68.

Anniversaries

Today

BIRTHS: Theophile Gautier, writer, Tarbes, France, 1811; Maria Montessori, educator, Chiravelle, Italy, 1870; Wilhelmina, Queen of the Netherlands 1890-1948, The Hague, 1880.

DEATHS: Henry V, reigned 1413-22, Vincennes, France, 1422; John Bunyan, preacher and writer, London, 1688; Charles Lever, novelist, Dublin, 1806; Arthur Phillip, 1st governor of New South Wales, Bath, 1814; Charles Baudelaire, poet, Paris, 1867; Georges Braque, Cubist painter, Paris, 1963; Ilya Ehrenburg, novelist and poet, Moscow, 1967; John Ford, film director, 1973; Henry Moore, sculptor and painter, 1986; Urho Kekkonen, president of Finland 1956-82, 1986.

The murder of Mary Ann Nichols in Whitechapel, east London, the first victim of Jack the Ripper, 1888. The evacuation of women and children from London began, 1939.

Tomorrow

BIRTHS: Edward Alleyn, actor-manager, founder of Dulwich College, London, 1566; Marguerite Gardiner, Countess of Blessington, novelist, Knockbrit, Co Tipperary, 1789; Engelbert Humperdinck, composer, Siegburg, Germany, 1854; Roger Casement, Irish nationalist, Kingstown, Co Dublin, 1864; James Corbett, ("Gentleman Jim"), heavyweight boxing champion 1892-97, San Francisco, 1866; Edgar Rice Burroughs, novelist, creator of Tarzan, Chicago, 1875.

DEATHS: Nicholas Breakspear, Pope Adrian IV 1154-59, Anagni, Italy, 1159; Louis XIV, king of France 1643-1715, Versailles, 1715; Sir Richard Steele, essayist, Carmarthen, 1729; Sir Richard Westmacott, sculptor, London, 1856; Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, composer, Croydon, 1912.

Royal Aeronautical Society

Elections to Fellowship, January - July 1991

The following have been elected as Fellows of the Society:

B H Adams, W G Ashpole, Brig Gen D A B D Awang, Brig Gen D M M B Ayob, M J Baker, I M Bamber, R M Barnes, R F Bertolini, Air Vice-Marshal J P R Browne, W D Bryce, R W S Chasthum, D G Clews, C G C Cocke, R P G Collinson, J M Colston, F G Cumming, O Ding, P J Durrant, L A Edwards, C J Elliott, B E Ellis, J P Fielding, J M Flood, Grp Capt E D Frith, M A Gamester, P S Grainger, S Grieve, W T Gunston, R G Haggart, R I Harescough, C G Hughes, P J Hunt, A N Jackson, J R Jeffrey, D E Lennard, P A Lush, D A Macdonald, O L P Masefield, D R Maulevorer, D L McDiarmid, F J Murdoch, H J Nelson, D J Parritt, B L Perry, Air Comm G R Pitchfork, Gp Capt K J M Proctor, J Radford, Air Marshal P M Ramachandran, C Russell, R F Turner, A J Saint, G R Sleight, Air Marshal Sir T Stenor, J Vincent, G A Webb, R G White, Air Cdre M R Williams, Capt D J Wood, T L Woodcock, J M Wooding, Air Vice-Marshal Sir W J Wratten, Gp Cpt A G Yeates.

Epsom College

The Michaelmas Term begins tomorrow with over 650 pupils at Epsom. The Heads of School during this Academic Year will be Stuart Head, Daniel Edwards and Michael Poulton with the Captains of major sports being Bolade Kehinde (Rugby and Athletics), Stuart Head (Hockey) and Marcus Day (Cricket). Term ends with the Carol Services on December 15.

King Edward's School, Witley

The Treasurer, Mr Ian Allan, and Governors will admit 84 new boarders at the Admissions Court to be held in the Guildhall on Tuesday, September 3. The Autumn Term begins on Wednesday, September 4. David Booth is Head Boy and Rosalind Slack, Head Girl. The new classrooms and Sixth Form Centre will be opened on Tuesday, November 12, by Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, President of the Foundation. The school play, *Under Milk Wood*, will be performed on December 4 and 5, and term will end with the Carol Services on Saturday, December 14.

Mr Rupert Martin

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Rupert Martin, Headmaster of King's School, Bruton 1937-1946, will be held at St Mary's Church, Bruton, on Saturday, September 28, at 11.30 am. There will be a buffet lunch at King's School after the service. Those coming should inform the Headmaster's Secretary before September 24.

Royal London Hospital

A charity championship boxing evening in aid of the Friends of the Children of the Royal London Hospital, Whitechapel, will be held at the Royal Lancaster Hotel on Thursday, September 26. For further information contact Mr Alan Lacey, telephone 071 490 2212.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev David Burrows, Curate, Kippax w Allerton Bywater: to be Curate, Manston (Ripon).

The Rev Frank A Chappell, Rector, Garforth, Leeds: to be Vicar, Dacre w Hartwith and Thornthwaite (Ripon).

The Rev Canon Guy G Chapman, Rector, Over Wallop, Stockbridge (Winchester): to be Vicar, Ambrosden w Merton and Piddington (Oxford).

The Rev Peter A Lawrence, Team Rector in the Schorne Team Ministry: to be Incumbent, benefice of Ivinghoe w Pitstone and Slapton (Oxford).

Forthcoming marriages

Commander B.P. Boxall-Hunt, RN and Miss J. Morrison

The engagement is announced between Brian, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Eric Boxall-Hunt, of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, and Janis, only daughter of Mrs Dorothy Morrison and the late Mr William Morrison, of Edinburgh.

Mr G. Brooks and Dr C.A. Abson

The engagement is announced between Gerard, elder son of Mr and Mrs Roy Brooks, of Abingdon, Oxfordshire, and Charlotte, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Abson, of Eastbourne, Sussex.

The Hon H.A.F. Bruce and Miss V.G. Ramsden

The engagement is announced between Adam, third son of Lord and Lady Aberdare, of 32 Elthiron Road, London, and Victoria, younger daughter of Major and Mrs Ivor Ramsden, of Cosheston Hall, Pembroke, Dyfed.

Mr J.D.F. Carley and Miss F.H. McLeod

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, second son of Mr and Mrs Ranald Carley, of Lostock, Lancashire, and Fiona, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald McLeod, of Withington, Cheshire.

Mr M.S. Clow and Miss L.C. Orme-Smith

The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place on August 15, 1992, between Martin Stewart, only son of the late Mr Anthony Clow and Mrs Eve Clow, of Reigate, and Lucinda Clare, daughter of Mr David and Dr Ann Orme-Smith, of Tadworth, Surrey.

Mr S.M. Eckett and Miss C.A. Young

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Eckett, of The Close, Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Kate, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Young, of Buckland, near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

Captain D.K. Jordon and Miss K.J. Fincke

The engagement is announced between Darren, eldest son of Mr J.A. Jordon, of Westmoreland, Jamaica, and the late Mrs Dorothy Morris, and Kira Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Ingo Fincke, of Battersea, south west London.

Mr R.L. Maunder and Miss J.M. Perkins Cory

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs David Maunder, of Chevithorne, Devon, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Perkins Cory, of St Issey, Cornwall.

Mr R.K.J. Pratt and Miss G.S.N. Thompson

The engagement is announced between Robert, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John A.G. Pratt, of Pulborough, West Sussex, and Georgina, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Jack F. Thompson, of Mexico City, Mexico.

Mr D.C.M. Prichard and Miss C.E. Major

The engagement is announced between David, younger son of the late Reverend and Mrs Mostyn Prichard, and Elizabeth, daughter of the late Mr Robert Major and Mrs Major, of Leamington Spa.

Mr R.J. Willett and Miss R.C. Parkhill

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs A.R. Willett, of Kensington, London, and Rebecca, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Parkhill, of Sudbury, Massachusetts, America.

Marriage

Mr L.J. Collins and Miss L.D. Rowe-Beddoe

The marriage took place on Wednesday, August 21, 1991, in Chelsea, London, between Liam John Collins and Lisa Dolan Rowe-Beddoe.

OBITUARIES

ALICK BUCHANAN-SMITH

Alick Buchanan-Smith, PC, Conservative MP for Kincardine and Deeside, died on August 29 from cancer aged 59. He was born on April 8, 1932.

ALICK Buchanan-Smith was the voice of anti-Thatcherite Conservatism in Scotland. He was frequently accused of disloyalty by opponents inside the party but nobody disputed his ability, his honour or his integrity. He was a self-described left-wing conservative, never tempted to leave his party but never able to conceal an unhappiness at some aspects of its policy which caused him on occasions to vote with Labour. He resigned a shadow post in 1976, refused a chance of office in 1987 and is reliably believed to have declined a knighthood. His determined independence had kept him well outside the Cabinet but he might well have eventually obtained a major ministry in his party's new circumstances if he had not lost his long and brave battle against cancer.

Buchanan-Smith came from a politically-minded family as the younger son of the late Baron Balerno, the life peer who was deputy chairman of the Conservative organisation in Scotland. He was educated at Edinburgh Academy; Trinity College, Glenalmond; and Pembroke College, Cambridge. He returned to Edinburgh to obtain a diploma in agriculture at the university and expected to spend the rest of his life running his family's farm and dairy business, with Territorial service in the Gordon Highlanders as his other main interest. He had been a youth leader in Edinburgh, however, and he began to think about politics, not as a result of passionate convictions, certainly not as a vocation, but as a form of public service. He joined the Bow Group, fought Labour's West Fife in 1959, and in 1964 won the safe Tory seat of North Angus and Mearns, some of which contributed to the new Kincardine and Deeside constituency which he represented from 1983 until his death.

In the House he showed his principles early. He voted for the Silverman Bill to abolish hanging and protested against the suspension of the BBC's *Lift Up Your Hearts* programme. He consistently expressed liberal views inspired by his Christian beliefs. Under Heath he was parliamentary under-secretary at the Scottish Office, championing progressive causes, setting up the revolutionary special unit at Glasgow's Barlinnie prison and being responsible for the Clayton committee which brought about a relaxation of his country's licensing laws. After the Labour victories in 1974 he became Scottish spokesman but he resigned from the front bench when Mrs Thatcher abandoned the party's devolution commitment. As a long term devolutionist he described it as "a betrayal of all I have stood for".

Although this heralded his long term opposition to Mrs Thatcher he became Minister of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food under Peter Walker, a leader of the wet faction of the party, in 1979. When Walker moved to energy after the 1983 election Buchanan-Smith went with him as minister of state again. By 1987, however, he had become even more disenchanted with the direction of Conservative policies and he refused an invitation to be Malcolm Rifkind's deputy at the Scottish Office. He made his disaffection plain. With his party on the defensive in Scotland after election losses he described ministerial speeches north of the border as "at best inappropriate and at worst unsuitable". In the House he repeatedly showed his disapproval of government measures.

In 1989 he attacked Mrs Thatcher personally. He said: "She has got to listen, not to impose. We must avoid arrogance." If she did not heed Scottish pride she would put at risk the United Kingdom as a whole and he listed poll tax anomalies, opt-out plans for Scottish schools and student loans as instances where Mrs Thatcher's government was not heeding Scottish opinion. He left no doubt about his target when he added: "Arrogance in anybody, in public life or in private life, is something to be deplored. I believe we want to see some changes in attitude."

Although a man of uncompromising principles, Buchanan-Smith was a genial figure, popular at Westminster, respected even by his opponents. He enjoyed walking the hills of Scotland, climbing its rocks and playing the bagpipes. He was particularly happy in his family life. He was married in 1956 to Janet Lawrie and she survives him with their son and three daughters.

DAVID POOLE

David Poole, a former principal dancer at Sadler's Wells and subsequently the head of South Africa's first professional ballet company, died in Cape Town on August 27 aged 65. He was born there on September 17, 1925.

DAVID Poole was one of a large group of South African dancers who, for three decades from the 1930s, contributed greatly to British ballet in the absence of any professional opportunities in their home country. However, he was rare among them in deciding that his duty lay in returning home to help develop ballet there. This he accomplished so effectively that he became artistic director of the Cape Town Ballet, head of the university ballet school there, and the country's first professor of ballet.

He started dancing too late to become a strong classical soloist, but his exceptional stage presence, great intelligence as an actor and considerate skill as a partner ensured him a distinguished career. In fact he was given his first leading role within a week of seeing ballet for the first time at the age of 18. He went to a performance on a Saturday night, decided he would like to dance himself, and friends arranged for him to attend his first class at the University of Cape Town Ballet School on the Monday. A performance by the school was already planned and Dulcie Howes immediately cast him as Kostchei in *Russian Tale*, her staging of Stravinsky's *Firebird*.

Another Stravinsky work, *The Soldier's Tale*, soon began Poole's association with a fellow pupil, John Cranko, whose first choreography this was. Poole played the soldier to Cranko's devil. Other roles soon followed, but once the war ended Poole (like Cranko, Nadia Nerina, Patricia Miller, Maryon Lane and others) travelled to London and, after further study at the Sadler's Wells School, joined the new Sadler's Wells Theatre Ballet where he soon became a principal dancer.

His roles included a notable Pierrot in *Carnaval*, but he is remembered best in the parts created for him. Cranko cast him as the skipper in *Sea Change*, the beast in his Cocteau-inspired *Beauty and the Beast*, Jasper the pot boy in *Pineapple Poll*, and the prince of Arragonza in *The Lady and the Fool*. Poole also had leading roles in creations by Balanchine (*Trumpet Concerto*), Alfred Rodrigues (*Blood Wedding*) and Kenneth MacMillan: *Danses concertantes* and *House of Birds*. Poole had been a leading spirit in organising the production group which first revealed MacMillan's talent as a choreographer: in 1955 Poole left Sadler's Wells and an unsettled period followed during which his activities included work with Ballet Rambert, teaching at Kurt Jooss's Folkwang School in Essen, guest performances in Cape Town and participation in the ambitious but short-lived Edinburgh International Ballet. For this last he created roles in Walter Gore's *The Night and Silence* and Peter Wright's *The Great Peacock*.

Poole had first returned to South Africa as guest producer and performer in 1952, and in 1959 returned there permanently, joining the staff of the University of Cape Town Ballet School. There had long been a good amateur company attached to the school and when government money for the arts first became available in 1963, this formed the nucleus of South Africa's first professional company, known by the acronym CAPAB (Cape Performing Arts Board) Ballet, with Poole as ballet master and his old teacher Dulcie Howes as artistic director. Poole succeeded her in that post in 1969 and as head of the university ballet school in 1973.

The company thrived and is now highly regarded. Poole was made an associate professor of the university in 1980 and full professor in 1983, the year when the Royal Academy of Dancing in London appointed him a vice-president.

In early days Poole taught, staged the classics and created new ballets, but latterly administration had inevitably claimed more of his time. A prime interest of his was helping to improve opportunities for black and "coloured" children (he was himself of mixed race), and the proceeds of a gala performance marking his retirement last year went to a fund for this purpose. His retirement unfortunately was to be a short one. Cancer was diagnosed, and after a successful operation he died suddenly of a blood clot on the lung. A man of great dignity, intelligence, humour and kindliness, he maintained world-wide links with people involved in dance, and will be keenly missed.

MARK YOUNG

Mark Young, general secretary of the British Airline Pilots Association, died on August 15 aged 62. He was born on June 7, 1929.

MARK Young played a prominent part in exposing the Communist leadership of the Electrical Trades Union in 1960. Young had himself been a member of the Communist party in earlier days, but had left the party over the Soviet invasion of Hungary in 1956. In 1960, concerned over ballot-rigging in the ETU, he wrote a famous letter to the *New Statesman* which initiated the public scandal that unseated the Communist leadership after a court action.

As general secretary of Balpa in later years, he emphasised that his members were "professional men, not money-grubbers", and surprised some airline managers by his willingness to earn improved pay and conditions — and status — by flexible working agreements.

Rangy and outspoken, Young was born in Newcastle upon Tyne. He left school at 15 and was apprenticed as an electrician in an aircraft factory where his mother worked. His father, a blacksmith by trade, had been badly wounded at Dunkirk in 1940, found work difficult afterwards and eventually died before he was 50. The sufferings of his parents had a potent effect on the son.

He joined the ETU as an apprentice but let his membership lapse when he was called up for national service in 1947. Although he came to enjoy flying, he hated the Royal Air Force for its hierarchical structure and what he perceived to be class divisions. When he returned to industry he was ferociously activist: by 1950 he was a shop steward and by 1952 he had joined the Communist Party, "bursting out all over", as he recalled, in his eagerness to further education and training and workers' control.

He had many jobs during the next few years, moving to London in 1955. In 1956 he fell out with the party over Hungary, and he was already concerned about ballot-rigging in the union. In 1959 the party expelled him, and the following year he wrote his letter to the *New Statesman*.

Jock Byrne, the new ETU general secretary, offered Young the post of head of research in 1961. In 1963 he became a national officer and led negotiations with Ford (he resigned because he thought the union side had broken its word) and in civil air transport. His talents were not in doubt, but he became increasingly critical of the new leadership of the union for high-handedness and sponsoring rule changes which made it in his view less democratic. Frank Chapple, the general secretary, considered it a personal vendetta; Young called it a dispute on principle. In 1973 he lost his job.

Balpa, a small but strategically placed union, was at that time looking for a professional to meet the challenge posed by the merger of the two state airlines, members' demands for international parity and the growth of independent companies. Young was chosen for the post because he was a seasoned union officer, with 12 years as a lay activist and 12 as a professional with the electricians' union.

Characteristically, he diagnosed the chief problem of morale among Balpa membership — just under 5,000 — as too much hanging about and too little information, and showed himself willing to negotiate flexible working agreements. Until recession began to bite, Young was a success with both members and managers.

Recession and the coincident crisis in airline finances, however, caused all unions difficulty, and Balpa had a special problem of defection by many members and refusal of some recruits to join — reinforced by a new, tough approach by managers and more systematic efforts to open up managerial careers to pilots (ironically, a union objective). Some of the independent airlines were flirting with American techniques of "union-busting". Relations became more difficult.

Young had a remarkable combination of qualities. As a negotiator he was so diligent and scrupulous in preparing a case that he confounded many managers. He also had great endurance, and is said on one occasion to have gone for 83 hours without sleep in a complex negotiation with the then British Overseas Airways Corporation in 1969. He abominated laziness and circumlocution, which made him sometimes less than tactful, and he had passionate personal loyalties.

His integrity was respected. He became a member of the trade union side of the National Joint Council for Civil Air Transport in 1963 and served as secretary from 1964 to 1974, following which he was vice-chairman for four years, chairman for four years and secretary for the last nine years. He was general secretary of Balpa from 1974 until his death.

Influenced by his fresh-minded approach to the Single European Act, the Euro Cockpit Association has this year been founded for the community's flight crews. Every year near his Fell End home he organised hot-air ballooning for his aviation industry colleagues. He liked serious reading, cricket, theatre and opera. Young held a private pilot's licence.

He leaves a widow, Mollie, and their son; and two sons and two daughters by his first wife, Marie Royal, who predeceased him in 1978.

JOHN WOOD

Sir Duncan Oppenheim writes:

YOUR excellent obituary of John Wood (August 26) omitted to mention his contribution to the success of one of London's leading concert halls, St John's Smith Square, of which he acted as honorary treasurer for many years up to the date of his death.

The Institute of Economic Affairs at No 1 Lord North Street being his workplace enabled him to keep a close eye on the finances of St John's in nearby Smith Square. This he did most effectively, bringing his experience and expertise, backed by his devotion to music and facilitated by his lovable character and dry wit.

Church services tomorrow

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 Mattins; 11 S Euch, Mass for three voices (Byrd), Ave verum (Handel), Rev Dr C A Lewis; 3.15 E, Responses (Moore), Moore in G, The heavens declare (George); 6.30 Sermon & Canticles, Rev J H R de Saumarez.

YORK MINSTER: 8 & 8.45 HC; 10 S Euch, Be still my soul (Ashfield), The Gwent Service (How), Very Rev J Southgate; 11.30 M, Responses (Stewart), Stanford in C & E, Rejoice in the Lord, O Jerusalem (Clarke), Very Rev J Southgate.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 & 11.45 HC, Missa Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina), O sacrum convivium (Croce); 3.15 E, The Service in Three Parts (Mundy), Let all the world (Joubert), Very Rev E Evans.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Leighton), Te Deum (Howells), Sing joyfully (Mundy), Canon C Semper; 11.15 Abbey Euch, Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria), Ave Verum (Elgar), Sacerdotes Domini (Byrd), Rev P Ferguson; 3 E, Wood in F, Bring us, O Lord God (Harris), Mrs Penny Flint; 17.45, Organ Recital; 6.30 ES, Canon C Semper.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Fantasia in G (Bach), Divertimento (Whitlock), Caudibus (Suite Breve), Symphony No.6 (Widor), Canon P Penwarden; 3 E, Statham in E minor, The Fair Chivalry (Ashfield), Very Rev D L Edwards.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30 & 7 Mass; 10.30 SM, Asperges me (Plainsong), Missa O quam gloriosum est regnum (Victoria), Salve Regina (Padilla), O sacrum convivium (Byrd), Agnus Dei (Couperin), 2.30 Organ Recital; 3.30 Solemn V & B, Magnificat septimi toni (Suriano), Ave verum corpus (Josquin), Adagio & Allegro in F minor (Mozart).

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 6 LM (Sat); 8, 10 (Children's) & 6 LM; 11.30 HM, Very Rev Canon J P Pennell.

GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DIVINE WISDOM, Moscow Rd, W2: 9.30 M; 11 Divine Liturgy.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, Ennismore Gdns, SW7: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF ST SAVVA, Lancaster Rd, W1: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: Services resume in October.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 Choral HC, Sacerdotes Domini (Byrd), Mass in four parts (Byrd), Lord I trust Thee (Handel), Rev J Perrin.

GRAY'S INN CHAPEL: Services resume on 6 October.

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL: Services resume on 13 October.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EC4: Services resume on 6 October.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Rev A T R Goode.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: Services resume on 8 September.

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch, Rev I Thurston.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8 & 5.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa Simile est regnum (Victoria), Ave verum (Elgar), Rev J A Younger; 6 E & B, Brewer in E flat, Save us O Lord (Bairstow), Rev P McCeary.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Bishop Michael Baughen; 6.30 HC, Rev S Wookey.

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Cheyne Walk, SW3: 10 Children's Service; 11 HC, Preb C E L Thomson; 6 E, Preb C E L Thomson.

CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 11 S Euch, Rev N Vigers.

CHURCH OF OUR MOST HOLY REDEEMER, Cheyne Row, SW3: 10, 11 Cantate Domino (Monteverdi), 12.15 & 6.30 LM, Fr Patrick Nolan.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: 8.15 HC; 11 S Euch, Darke in F, Like as the hart (Howells), Ave verum (Saint Saens), Nun danket alle Gott (Karg Elert), Rev A W Marks.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 10.30 Family HC, Canon K de Berry; 6.30 Informal Service, Mr Michael Coates.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30 HC; 11 HC, Rev Dr M Israel.

HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.45 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev K Yates.

ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30 SM; 11 HM, Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria), Preb J Gaskell; 5.30 LM.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Rev A Winter; 6.30 E, Rev T Farrell.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Benedictus (Byrd), Missa bel Amfitrit (Lassus), Tantum ergo (de Severac), Canon J Oates; 6.30 Choral E, Responses (Tomkins), Brewer in D, Laudibus in Sanctis (Byrd), Canon J Oates.

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens SW5: 10 HC; 11 S Euch, Gibbons in F, Rev J Vine.

ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Parish Communion; 6.30 E, Fr Michael Day.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Viadana), A. Haste Thee O god (Batten), Rev G D Watkins.

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High St, WC2: 8 & 12 HC; 11 MP; 6.30 EP, Rev O Taylor.

ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 8 HC; 11 MP, Rev Preb M Bunker; 6.30 EP.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch; 5.45 EP.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: No details received.

ST JOHN'S, Hyde Park Crescent, W2: 10 HC, Rev Canon T Birchard; 6.30 ES, Mrs Jill Cayman.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, Holland Rd, W14: No details received.

ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NW8: 8 & 9.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Jackson in G, Ave verum (Mozart), Rev A Walker.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 & 12.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Set me as a seal (Walton), Rev N Weir; 6.30 E, Thou knowest Lord (Purcell), Rev N Vigers.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa scherzo Christi natus (?), O sing joyfully (Batten), Rev J Humble.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 S Euch, Mass for four voices (Byrd), Tota pulchra es, Maria (Guerrero), Canon D Gray.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, St Martin's Service (Stringer), Sacerdotes Domini (Byrd), Rev W Batchford; 11.30 Visitors to London Service, Rev J Pridmore; 12.30 HC; 2.45 Chinese Service, Rev G Lee; 5 Choral E, Responses (Tomkins), St Paul's Service (Howells), Greater love hath no man (Ireland); 6.30 ES, Rev M Henwood; 7.30 HC.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45 & 7 LM; 11 HM, Missa sexti toni (Croce), Exaltabo te (Lassus), O sacrum convivium (Croce), Fr Bill Scott; 6 Solemn E & B.

ST MARY'S, Primrose Hill, NW3: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Rev F Stephens.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Missa brevis (Palestrina), When the Lord turned again (Batten), The Rectory; 6.30 Ministry of Healing, Rev D Payne.

ST MARY-LE-STRAND (WRNS Church), Strand WC2: 11 Sung HC, Rev O Clarke.

ST MATTHEW'S, Great Peter St, SW1: 10 SM, Music (Gregory Murray), Bishop Derek Rawcliffe; 6.30 LM.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 11 MP, Rev D C L Prior, 7 Informal ES & HC, Rev D C L Prior.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Choral Euch, Blessed are the pure in heart (Thalben-Ball), Missa Aeternus Christi Munera (Palestrina), Hear my prayer (Mendelssohn), Rev D B Evans.

ST PAUL'S, Onslow Square, SW7: 10.30 Family HC; 6.30 Informal Service.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Mass; 11 SM, Missa bella malitr'ntare (Lassus), Fr Ashley Buck.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8 HC; 11 MP, Let my prayer come up (Harris), Te Deum (Ireland), The Earth is the Lord's (Stanford), Rev G James; 6.30 E, Responses (Smith), Wood in E flat, O Lord the maker of all thing (Clonbert), Rev G James.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 9 & 9 LM; 11 SM, Phrygian Mode Service (Charles Wood), O most merciful (Wood), Credil aunium (Wood), Teach me, O Lord (Attwood), Fr Christopher Colven; 6 Solemn E & B, Fr C Colven.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane, EC2: 11 Sung Mass, Rev R Avent.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Rev J H Melndoe; 6.30 Rev Suzanne Dunleavy.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 Rev H S C Hood; 6.30 Rev H G Ross.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa L'homme passe (Viadana), God is a Spirit (Sterndale Bennett), Pater noster (Stravinsky).

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove, St John's Wood: 10.45 LM, Mass in A minor (Casciolini).

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, Missa Salve Regina (Victoria), Cantate Domino (Monteverdi), 12.30, 4.30, 7 Mass; 3.30 V & B, Lauda Sion (Palestrina).

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 Sung Mass, Missa Brevis (Gorlitsky), Cantate Domino (Byrd), Voluntary in D minor (Wesley).

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High Street, W8: 8.30, 10, 12.30 & 6.30 LM; 11.15 SM (Latin), Missa Assumpta est Maria (Palestrina), Ave maris stella (Grieg).

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 11 Rev Ron F Allison.

CHELSEA METHODIST CHURCH, King's Road, SW3: 11 (HC) & 6, Rev M Bradley.

HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 11 Rev D Cruise; 6.30 Rev P Hoar.

KENSINGTON TEMPLE, (Charismatic), Notting Hill Gate, W11: 9, 11, 2.30, 6.30 & 9.

KENSINGTON URC, Allen Street, W8: 11 Rev P Brain; 6.30 Mrs P Crawshaw.

REGENT SQUARE URC (Presbyterian/Congregational), Tavistock Place, WC1: 11 (HC) Rev Dr R Scopes; 6.30 Mr Robert Bullen.

SALVATION ARMY (Regent Hall), Oxford St W1: 11 & 6.30 Major C Hunt.

ST ANDREW'S URC, Frognal Lane NW3: 11 Rev Dr P Duncan.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev W D Swanson.

ST JOHN'S WOOD URC, Lords Roundabout, NW8: 11 Mtl, Rev W C McCrorie.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 11 MS & HC, Celebrant Rev P Hulme & Rev W C Hoar.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, 6.30.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate, SW1: 11, Rev D Banner; 6.30 Rev R Hoar.

WESTMINSTER MEETING SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St Martins Le Grand, EC1: 11, Meeting for worship.

Appointments in the Forces

The Army

BRIGADIERS: I S R Fowler – To be Comd BAS & MA BDS Washington, 27.8.91; A B Atkinson – To be DACC, 30.8.91.

COLONELS: G A Morris – To be MA BDLS Australia, 26.8.91; A C Taylor – To be DA Nigeria, 30.8.91; D C Parker – To be Regtl Col RHQ PARA, 27.8.91.

LIEUTENANT COLONELS: D R I Berry RA – To RA Range Hebrides, 27.8.91; Rev P G Cattermole RAChD – To HQ BAOR/HQ BRSC, 27.8.91; M G A Drake GREN GDS – To be CO HQ 1 (BR) Corps, 26.8.91; R Elliott RAOC – To be CO Ty Bn & Depot RAOC, 26.8.91; P T Innocent R SIGNALS – To HQ 1 (BR) Corps, 27.8.91; G C M Lamb QO Hldrs. To be CO 1 QO Hldrs, 26.8.91; P A Robertson RCT – To be CO 167 Tpt Regt, 26.8.91.

Retirement

COLONEL: N McC Smithson, late REME, 30.8.91.

Royal Air Force

GROUP CAPTAIN: D H Phillips – to MOD (CVE) 19.8.91; D C Smith – to RAF Buchan 30.8.91; M D Speed – to RAF Fylingdales 30.8.91.

WING COMMANDER: F M Church – to MOD (PE) 27.8.91; B J R Nelson – to RIU Benson 27.8.91; B Lang – To HQ 1GP 5.8.91; K L Brett – To HQ RAFSC 5.8.91; I J O Macesachern – To RAF Lossiemouth 5.8.91; C B Hyde – RAFSC 12.8.91; J S Hodgsell – to HQ 1AM Farnborough 12.8.91; B C Cole – to HQ AFCENT 12.8.91; J C Gardiner to SCEA Eltham 14.8.91; T J Bacon – HQ RAFG 21.8.91; C M Rackman – to HQ 1 (BR) Corps 27.8.91; M B Hall – to HQ AFCENT 30.8.91; K C Foster – to HQ STC 30.8.91; P R Martin – to RAF Spadeadam 30.8.91; C D Joyner – to RAF Biggin Hill 30.8.91; F A Richey – to MOD CVE 30.8.91.

Legal appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Timothy Pontius and Mr John Camp to be Assistant Judge Advocates General.

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Archaeology

Danes find remains of lost eskimo culture

From CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT IN COPENHAGEN

DANISH polar explorers are discovering impressive traces of a virtually unknown ancient North American eskimo culture in ice-bound Greenland, predating the Viking invasion of the island by almost 1,500 years.

The unearthing in three summer campaigns from 1987-89 of the ruins of 520 crude circular dwellings along the coast of the Ile de France off northeast Greenland is casting new light on primitive civilisation in the vast Danish arctic province. A hoard of finds from what is the biggest ancient Greenlandic settlement discovered is now undergoing analysis by Danish archaeologists.

Count Eigil Knuth, the veteran Danish explorer and archaeologist behind the project, said: "Ile de France is unique, the site is simply bulging with artefacts." Count Knuth, aged 87, has taken part in 30 Greenland expeditions since 1932 and led the last three four-man summer treks to Ile de France, a frozen 140 square mile outcrop.

"The riddle of the ancient eskimo cultures remains tantalisingly unsolved despite our finds," he said. "The groups of low roundhouses on the island, which take the form of rings of tents, represent the greatest concentration on one spot of such forms of habitation in Greenland's and indeed North America's entire eskimo-archaeological area.

"Just why the ancient eskimos should set up a strip of sites along the south coast of the icebound Ile de France in the period 500 BC to AD 400 remains a deep mystery. My theory is that the colonies were established by invading eskimos from both the north and south of Greenland or perhaps even the American continent.

"These immigrants set up the coastal settlements with an economy based on seal and whale hunting," Count Knuth said.

Ile de France, an uninhabited island with its own ice cap at a latitude of 77 degrees north, is so called because it was discovered in 1905 by a joint Belgian-French expedition led by Duke Philippe of Orleans (1869-1926), the great grandson of King Louis-Philippe of France.

The finds are providing information on the long-lost 2,500-year-old Dorset culture, traces of which were first unearthed in 1925 at Cape Dorset on Canada's Baffin Island, across the Davis Strait from Greenland.

The roundhouses at the Ile de France site originally had igloo-type walls of block ice, with flagstones forming a typical mid-passageway. The tent-style roofs of the buildings were made of animal hide, with a central hearth surrounded by adjoining rooms built on stone platforms to house different family generations. Soapstone lamps fuelled by whale blubber and using near-smokeless arctic moss as wicks lit the crude hovels. Hot stones, warmed in the central fireplace, were used for boiling water and cooking in vessels made out of animal skins.

There is no archaeological evidence that the eskimos on the Ile de France hunted with bows and arrows as other ancient Greenlandic cultures did.

Iron Duke's silver may go to foreign collector

By JOHN SHAW

THE BULK of a vast silver dinner service presented to the first Duke of Wellington by the Portuguese government after the Peninsula war could go abroad unless the government steps in.

The conservation lobby wants the service bought for official use at government residences after the Victoria & Albert museum, which already owns part of it, declined to buy the rest from the present duke. The museum was offered the pieces for £2m-3million while the open market value is £7million.

The museum's view is that a representative selection is already on show to the public at the family home at Apsley House, Piccadilly, in London. The lower price has now been offered to the Museums and Galleries Commission, the advisory body for British museums. However, with national collections short of funds, the conservation lobby fears the silver may go to auction and disappear abroad.

In heritage terms the issue is seen as more important than the Badminton cabinet, last year's *cause célèbre*, because the service relates directly to a great national and European figure. The cabinet is now in the United States.

The silver, presented in recognition of the duke's achievement in liberating Portugal, remained in the family until part was accepted in lieu of death duties in 1947. Experts chose the centrepiece and other items representing about a tenth of the whole. The present duke recently suggested the museum might like to buy the remaining 90 per cent. That portion contains 270 serving pieces, including 137 dinner plates and 570 knives, forks and spoons.

Phillipa Glanville, head of metalwork at the museum, said a careful selection was made in 1947. "There are a lot of duplicates and the fact is we don't actually need a dozen extra dinner plates. That was the position in the 1940s and it is still the position in 1991."

Marcus Linell, a senior director at Sotheby's, said: "In terms of quality it is astonishingly good. The idea of allowing it to be split up is terribly unsatisfactory. Its future is something that requires serious attention."

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 22

FRUMPY
(c) American slang for dowdy, run-down, unattractive, generally naff and grey, from the common British-American *frump*; *Village Voice*: "The message is that soft frumpy fellows are not only lovable but sexually attractive."

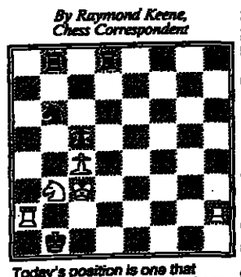
TABBY
(c) Silk taffeta, originally striped, but later waved or watered silk, from *attabiy* the name of the quarter of Baghdad where the stuff was manufactured: "The bride and bridegroom were both clothed in white tabby."

COMPESCE
(b) To restrain, repress, or curb, from the Latin *compescere* to restrain; Carlyle: "Oldenburg has coerced and compesced them into soldierly obedience."

BRANCARD
(c) A horse-litter, from the French *branche* a branch, because leafy branches were the first stretchers and the easiest to hand: "Had I seen the brancard in which Charles XII was carried at the battle of Pultawa?"

CHESS

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



Today's position is one that testifies to the antiquity of chess. It was from a game played in Baghdad circa 900AD. Black is threatened with various mates in one, but has a chance to checkmate white with a fine combination. Can you see how.

Send your answer on a postcard with your name and address to *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday next week will win a Batsford chess book. The answer and the winners will be printed next Saturday.

Solution to last Saturday's competition: 1 ... Rxd2 (2 Qxd2 Qxc6 threatening mate and the rook on b5 and thus winning a piece). The winners are: E.W. Fisher, Hull; J. O'Fee, Bangor; F.H. Enright, Poole.

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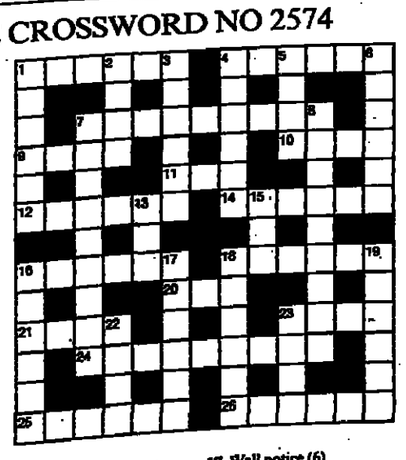

ACROSS
1 Catherine –, Henry VIII's fifth wife (6)
4 Creeps (6)
7 Compulsory (9)
9 Upsurge (4)
10 Wharf (4)
11 Down (3)
12 Bets taker (6)
14 Meal cloth (6)
16 Mobilise (4,2)
18 Large constrictor snake (6)
20 Lavatory (3)
21 East Anglian drained land (4)
23 Lively riding horse (4)
24 Way with words (9)
25 Pass (6)
26 Crackle (6)

DOWN
1 Noisy confusion (6)
2 First man (4)
3 Cheat (6)
4 On the scene (2,4)
5 Race sheet (4)
6 Get worse (6)
7 Single wing aircraft (9)
8 Largest English old county (9)
13 Debt note (1,1,1)
15 One of several (3)
16 Beans drink (6)
17 Wall notice (6)
18 Exhibitionist (6)
19 Get at (6)
22 Smack (4)
23 One spot cards (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 2573
ACROSS: 1 Stripe 4 Assert 9 Croatia 10 Magma 11 Cuff 12 Repartee 14 At loggerheads 16 Full time 18 Aped 20 Exact 21 Unequal 23 Retire 24 Upkeep.
DOWN: 1 Sic 2 Roomful 3 Putt 5 Sympathy 6 Eight 7 Traversed 8 Jane Seymour 11 Chauffeur 13 Agitator 15 Ampoule 17 Least 19 Seep 22 Lop

Do not neglect your own friend or your father's. Do not run to your brother's house when you are in trouble. Better a neighbour near at hand than a brother far away.
Proverbs 27:10 REB

BIRTHS

ASHCROFT - On August 21st, at The Portland Hospital, to Josie (née Cameron) and Charles, a daughter, Lucinda Katherine Alice.

BLUEMLI - On August 29th, at The Portland Hospital, to Janet (née Henze) and Urs Daniel, a daughter, Seraina Jennifer Tanja.

CANESSA - On August 11th, to Joanna (née Snelling) and John, a daughter, Hedy Inès Maitea, a sister for Coco.

CHWEIDAN - On Friday August 23rd 1991, at 4.45am, to Stephanie (née Donald) and Graham, a daughter, Michaela Simone.

FARIDANY - On August 25th, at The Portland Hospital, to Golnaz and Abdul, a son, Hossein Paul.

FLOWER - On July 31st 1991, at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Harriett (née Sinclair) and David, a daughter, Alice Elizabeth Caroline.

FRANK - On August 24th, at The Portland Hospital, to Jane and Alex, a daughter, Annabel Kate, a sister for Kendall.

GAZZARD - On July 9th, to Brenda (née Porth) and Mike, a daughter, Hannah Sasha Louise.

LATCHMORE - On August 23rd, to Clarissa (née Orde) and Andrew, a beautiful daughter, Chloe Rosemma.

MACAULAY - On August 29th, to Kerry (née Putland) and Andrew, a daughter, Polly.

MACKENZIE-GRIEVE - On August 26th, to Monica (née Breakey) and Colin, a son, Alexander Colin Sanford, a brother for Robbie.

MENAGE - On August 14th in York, to Alison and Richard, a son, William, a brother for Rory and Charlie.

MONCKTON - On August 29th, to Georgiana and Piers, a daughter, Emily.

O'CONOR - On August 26th 1991, to Virginia (née Marriott) and Patrick, a daughter, Lucy Joanna, a sister for Katie.

PALMER - On August 22nd, at The Portland Hospital, to Alison (née Harris) and Julian, a beautiful daughter, Olivia Rose.

PATRICK - On August 30th, in Hong Kong, to Joanne (née Cracknell) and Andrew, a son, William James de Vine, a brother for Katherine and Alice.

PRICE - On August 22nd, to Serena (née Helps) and Nicholas, a son.

PYM - On August 22nd, at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, to Susan (née Neill) and Hugh, a son, Andrew Michael.

STAFFORD - On August 22nd, to Sue and Andy, a son, Paul James, a brother for Gemma and Nicola.

STEPHENSON - On August 27th, at The Portland, to Pamela and Marc, a daughter, India, a sister for Emma.

SUTCLIFFE - On August 13th, in Winchester, to Joanna (née Wheeler-Bennett) and Robert, a daughter, Rosanna Clare Elizabeth, a sister for Laura.

SWAN - On August 26th, to Helen (née Alvey) and David, a son, Alexander James.

TURGOOSE - On August 28th, to Joanne and Paul, a daughter, Beth Laura, a sister for Emily, Owen, Henry and Ben.

WALKER - On August 28th, at The Portland Hospital, to Janie (née Varley) and Iain, a son, Adam George Varley.

WHEELER-BENNETT - See Sutcliffe.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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DEATHS

BEEDIE - On Thursday August 29th 1991, at the City Hospital, Edinburgh, after a long illness, Vannell, husband of the late Mollie Findlay and father of Elizabeth. Requiem Mass on Monday September 2nd at 9am in St Cuthbert's Church, Stakeford Road, Edinburgh and funeral thereafter to Mortonhall Crematorium, Edinburgh at 9.45 am in the Pentland Chapel. Remains to be received to Church on Sunday evening at 8pm. R.I.P.

BUCHANAN-SMITH - On August 29th 1991, peacefully at home, R. Hon. Alick Laidlaw Buchanan-Smith, M.P., aged 59, after an unfailingly defiant and cheerful fight against cancer. Dearly loved and devoted husband of Janet, loving father of Jean, Margaret, James and Fenella, dear grandfather of Claire, Susanna and Fenella and a much loved brother. Funeral Service at Balerno Parish Kirk at 2.30 pm on Wednesday September 4th, followed by cremation at Mortonhall Crematorium, Edinburgh. Memorial Service later in Aberdeen. Details to be announced.

BURTON - On August 29th 1991, peacefully at Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, Audrey Edna, aged 56, dear wife of Ken and mother of Samantha and Julie. Memorial Service held at Lasswade Parish Church on Monday September 2nd at 2.30 pm, to be followed by interment at Putney Vale Cemetery on Wednesday September 4th at 12.45 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if so desired to Cancer Research.

de SAINT MATHURIN - On August 28th, at Louveciennes, France, Suzanne Cassou, aged 91 years. Much loved and sorely missed.

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Here are performances having nothing exotic about them. The people who attend them spend what must be to a great many of them a proportionately larger part of their spare money than is spent by the attendants of the "grand" season for their places; and it is a very hopeful sign, this crowding of the least wealthy to hear opera. If ever we are to have a permanent opera here, it is the less wealthy to whom we must look for the necessary support, paradoxical though it may appear; for wealth means fashion, and fashion is the bane of opera.

The sight of Covent Garden on Wednesday night, for instance, when a really excellent performance of *Lohengrin* was given, when almost every seat was occupied in a house that now holds, we imagine, some hundreds more than in the grand season (since most of the boxes are abolished) would have puzzled a regular box-holder of the "grand" season; for there was probably hardly a soul there but had come from a desire to listen to opera. It seems to point to the presence in the hearts of the middle classes of the right spirit of enthusiasm. Half the battle is won when an audience goes out to see an opera and not a star; and a great deal more than half if the idea is properly brought home that a de Reszké or a Calvé is not essential to an adequate presentment of an opera.

There is far more in excellence of *ensemble* than is dreamt of by the average "grand" season opera-goer; and it is to the great credit of all concerned in the present season that they have recognised the worth of a real *ensemble* and have made such a successful attempt to obtain it – and during the past week, especially in *Lohengrin*, they did succeed. A good work might be done by insisting on the occasional presence of the chorus of the "grand" season at some of these performances; if they had but the germ of real artistic instinct, they must blush for their own shortcomings. It is this excellent *ensemble* that makes the Moody-Manners performances so well worth seeing, for hitherto the *repertoire* has consisted entirely of very hackneyed works; but if once a regular support is assured, it should be an easy matter to introduce less familiar operas.

It is unnecessary to go *seriatim* through the week's work. *Romeo, Carmen, Lohengrin, Il Trovatore, Faust* and *Tannhäuser* have been played, in every case very well. Mmes. Fanny Moody as Elsa, Alice Esty as Marguerite and Elizabeth, Blanche Marchesi as Leonora and de Lussan as Carmen have all won success; and a very highly promising appearance was made as Ortrud by Miss Toni Seiter, a thoroughly capable singer and a capital, graceful actress. M. Louis Arens's Lohengrin is excellent in its dignity and Messrs. Louis Shallard and Maclennan would be welcome in any company. Mr. Joseph O'Mara, Mr. Charles Manners and many others have also appeared; and Herr Eckhold has conducted with credit a very good orchestra, which, it is understod, contains a number of the "grand" season players, although now and then he is apt to allow them too free a hand.

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Pleasures in close harmony

A theatrical gem of the Victorian age is reborn in Kent, and brings back memories of three generations of an eccentric family and their home, Sally Baker reports

A glass at the opera

On summer nights in recent weeks Victorian ghosts could be seen leading groups of people in and out of an astonishing house in Kent. They stood silently on the forecourt to witness the sinking in 1915 of HMS Hythe, progressed to the private theatre for an 1851 debate in Parliament and a 1941 concert party, moved through the house to hear anti-Semitic prejudice from Victorian gentlemen and the views of second world war evacuee children, and returned to the theatre via a glass of wine on the terrace to applaud the 1894 mayor of Tunbridge Wells announcing his plans for England's first Horseless Carriage Exhibition.

The ghosts and period players were members of the 100-strong amateur cast of a "community ballad opera", *Salomons' Dream*, a fittingly unconventional way to tell the story of three generations of the brilliant and eccentric Salomons family, who built and lived in Broomhill House, at Southborough near Tunbridge Wells.

Salomons' Dream was just part of the inaugural season of a visionary project to reawaken what Jonathan Miller called "this sleeping beauty" of a venue. The dream was born three years ago when Kim Begley, an operatic tenor who lives nearby, fell in love with the theatre, envisaging in it an international summer school for young opera singers. He rounded up influential friends and colleagues, including the conductor Nicholas Cleobury (who is now the trust's music director), formed the Broomhill Trust, and opened negotiations with the current owners, the South-East Thames Regional Health Authority. As a result, a lease is about to be signed giving the Broomhill Trust exclusive use of the theatre in July and August for 20 years, in return for refurbishing it.

An Edwardian fête in July officially opened the inaugural season, which apart from *Salomons' Dream* included a theatrical evening with Prunella Scales and Timothy West, celebrity recitals by the singers Olaf Bär and Della Jones, Mozart concerts and chamber music evenings. But this is just a taster; the real activity gets going next summer, when Jonathan Miller is to direct the Strauss opera, *Ariadne auf Naxos*.

Ariadne auf Naxos will form part of the 1992 summer school course. "We'll audition for 25 singers, a double cast, and use it as a working rehearsal period supplemented by master classes, coaching sessions, and rehearsals for the production at the end of next August," singers," says Catherine Lee, the trust administrator.

Initial funds have come from 260 founder members, paying £200 a year each for the privilege, who include Dames Janet Baker and Joan Sutherland, Sir Bernard Haitink, the conductor Richard Bonynge, and Sir George and Lady Christie of Glyndebourne. In addition 400 Friends of Broomhill Opera (at £25 a year each) are rewarded by priority bookings and special events with guest speakers. For £750 a year for a minimum of four years companies can become corporate subscribers, and can also sponsor scholarships for young singers.

The inaugural season has been sponsored by Swiss Life, the Woolwich building society, KCC Arts and Libraries department, Kimberly-Clark, TVS Trust and South East Arts. "We've got to be very clever about channelling sponsors in the right direction," Miss Lee says. "We've got three things to fund now: we've got to find £300,000 for the production of *Ariadne auf Naxos*; £200,000 to refurbish the theatre, making a proper backstage area with fire exits and dressing rooms, and opening up the orchestra pit; and we want about £35,000 for next year's community opera."

Mr Begley dashed back to Broomhill to check on his dream's progress, straight from his own auditions in Bayreuth, where he had also been busy sounding out singers for next summer's season. "It's an extraordinarily suitable platform for young performers that was just lying here waiting to be discovered," he says. "It has brilliant acoustics, a beautiful setting and just cries out for innovation."

Innovation is no stranger at Broomhill. The house was built by Alderman David Salomons, a Jewish banker, who became the first Jewish lord mayor of London, and then the first Jewish MP.

He was succeeded by his nephew, Sir David Lionel Salomons, a pioneer electrician and motoring enthusiast who became vice-president of the Institute of Electrical Engineers. He added an enormous power room and filled the house with the wonders of electricity, from lighting (signs in some rooms assure servants that the switches do not require a lighted flame, and will not hurt them) to a lift that brought his clothes from a wardrobe.

In 1896 he completed his supreme plaything, a "Grand Theatre of Science" attached to the house, where he could present experiments. It has a high proscenium, deep stage, near perfect acoustics and seating for 300, yet it has never been used as a performance venue. Sir David's only son was drowned on HMS Hythe in 1915, and Sir David died in 1925. His daughter donated Broomhill in 1937 to Kent county council, which used it as a convalescent home. In 1971 it took on its present role as a conference and training centre and the theatre has lain virtually unused and unaltered since it was completed.

TONY WHITE

Very English enjoyment: visitors to Broomhill House, which Jonathan Miller called "this sleeping beauty"

Farmer's Diary: Paul Heiney

A shocking experience

IF you are any good at the obscure type of question they dish out on *Round Britain Quiz*, try this one. When does corn become a shoof, and how many shoofs to a stook, and why would you be shocked when you found out?

You will have gathered that our harvest continues. In my naivety, I had thought that once I had persuaded the binder to do sufficient circuits of the field that would be it. But many mysteries have needed to be unravelled before I can fling my straw hat in the air and declare the job done. The growing mountains of corn are nothing compared with the hoard of wisdom, and bunkum, that our harvest has yielded.

Let us start with the "shoof" called a sheaf everywhere but in Suffolk. It would be wrong, for example, to view it merely as an oversized bunch of flowers. If it has been properly made, the base will have a slant to it so that if you try and prop it upright, it will automatically assume a lean. But how do you know which way the slant has been cut? The moment you pick one up it is sure to become a formless tangle of spiky corn. The answer, my old friends tell me, is to look for the knot; for the relationship between the slant and the position of the knot on the band is always the same. Are you still with me?

If so, we can go on to the next stage, where we pick up the shoofs and make them into stooks. This is the picturesque, and itchy, bit. A field littered with shoofs spat out randomly by the binder is transformed into a living Constable harvest scene. In principle, you pick up two shoofs and lean them against each other, pick up another two and lean them against the first two and carry on till you have done half a dozen. The problem arises when you consider the slant on the base of the shoof; for while one school of thought argues that all shoofs should be stooked with the knots facing outwards, others will put forward philosophical arguments in favour of stooking them with knots inwards. It is easy to discuss this at sufficient length to miss the entire harvest.

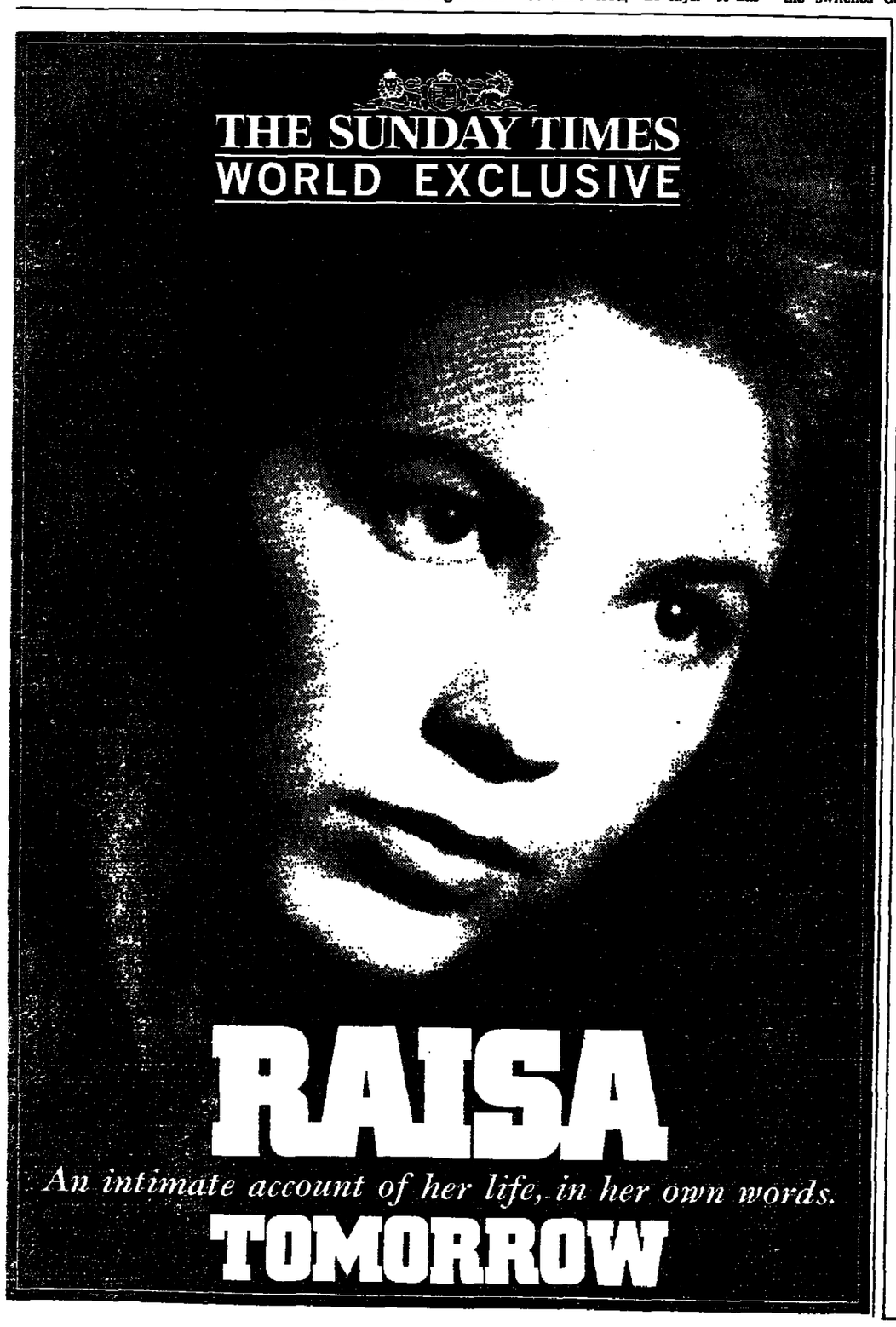
Then comes the big decision: which way the stooks should lie. Some will insist a north/south configuration is best so as to get the sun on both sides. Others say east/west is more likely to catch a good drying breeze. Incidentally, the erecting of these stooks is called shocking, which answers my original question.

Our barley was quickly ripe, and so we moved hastily on to the next stage, which is carting it home and building a cornstack. If you were shocked by the erecting of the stooks, be prepared to be bowled over by the intricacies of this apparently simple task. It is vital, the old boys warn me, that when building the load on the cart you leave the centre hollow so the shoofs don't fall off when the cart goes over bumps. However, when building the stack it is vital to do the exact opposite and keep the middle higher so that any rain will run down the straws rather than up them.

But we have had happy days pitching sheafs high into the air to be caught by my old friend who builds the load on the waggon. "Done this often?" I cheekily asked. He paused. "I reckon that must be at least 60 harvests I've worked on." He paused again. "And if you don't pitch them shoofs as I want 'em you won't be seeing me on the 61st." and he broke into a great roaring laugh. He was happy to be harvesting the old way. An old farmhand who has been forced to lay up his pitchfork is a kind of exile.

"There's a knack to every job, bar basketmaking," he declared. We said nothing, letting it sink in. Eventually, one of us had to ask what he meant. "Well, basketmaking: you can see through that, can't you?" He laughed till he nearly fell off his load.

The days have been long and hot, but in the evening I have sat contented, and watched the dazzling harvest moon ride high in the sky. It has been our first harvest, and we have won it. It has been a thoroughly shocking experience.



Country events

THIS WEEKEND

☐ **Holme Valley torchlit procession:** Floats, brass bands, vintage cars, shire horses, hounds and fireworks. Bill Owen, from *The Last of the Summer Wine*, will be there. *Near Holmfirth, Huddersfield, West Yorks. Today from 8pm.*

☐ **The Longleat Prom:** The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra plays music by Puccini, Schubert, Strauss, Wood and Elgar. Fireworks and laser show. Take picnic, rug, umbrella. *Longleat, near Warminster, Wilts. Tonight. Gates open 6pm, concert 7.30pm. £9.50 (credit card booking, 071-379 4444).*

☐ **Falcons in Essex:** Flying displays, training techniques, and a talk about the different breeds their history and conservation. *Audley End House, near Saffron Waldron, Essex (0799 22399). Tomorrow from 2pm. £4, children £2.*

☐ **Shakespeare at Scotney:** Theatre-Set-Up's open-air production of *Measure for Measure* set beside the ruins of the 14th century moated castle. Take a rug and picnic. *Scotney Castle garden, Lamberhurst, Kent. Today 2pm and 7.30pm. Seats £5.50, grass £4. (Credit card booking advisable, 0892 890651).*

☐ **Kings at Corfe:** Hundreds of costumed local people take part in a spectacular pageant in the illuminated ruins of the former royal castle. *Corfe Castle, Wareham, Dorset (0929 480921). Today until Sept 7, no performance tomorrow. Gates open 6.15pm, pageant from 7.15pm. Tickets in advance, £7.50, children £5; on the night, £9, child £6 (book on 0929 480910).*

NEXT WEEK

☐ **Hampton medieval crafts:** Nearly 200 craftsmen display and demonstrate, plus court dancers, jesters, jugglers and combat knights. *Hampton Court Palace Green, Hampton Court, Kingston, Surrey. Fri-Sun 10am-6pm. £3, children £1.*

☐ **Royston sound:** Piano quartets played by David Southerns and the Sensky Trio; music by Dvořák, Purcell, Huenes and Faure. *Wimpole Hall, Arrington, Royston, Herts. Fri 8pm. £6 (book on 0223 207257.*

JUDY FROSHAUG

Feather report

Open your eyes to the essential accessories

THIS weekend provides a thousand opportunities for the world's most boring conversation. These can be found at the British Birdwatching Fair at Rutland Water, near Oakham, Leicestershire, today and tomorrow. It is sponsored by an optical company called "in focus", and this provides the clue about the conversation. It goes like this:

"The thing about tens . . . I've always used eights because . . . image size . . . performance in poor light . . . so I upgraded to Leitz . . . and then with scopes, I decided . . . and you can dispense with tripod and use a shoulder-pod . . . but when it comes to sea-watching you need . . . the one thing I can't stand is having to walk *backwards* because your binoculars won't focus close enough."

This is the great optical glass conversation. It is not so much endless as cyclical. What do *you* use? In public hides, people steal covert glances at your binoculars to see how serious you are. The worst thing is when people start trying out each other's equipment. I don't know what follows, because I always leave at this point.

You can spend a fortune on birding if you put your mind to it. Many of us have. Birding, in fact, is booming, and I am delighted to report that. There will be 100 stalls and loads of lectures and demonstrations at the fair, and it all sounds great, apart from the optical glass conversations. Last year's fair brought in 8,000 visitors and raised £10,000 for conservation in the Coto Donana in Spain.

The range of delights a birder can spend money on is amazing. Apart from glass, there are the clothes, especially the boots; there are magazines, books, videos, photographs, recordings, recording equipment, wild bird food, paintings, sculpture, telephone information services, bird stamps and, of course, you can blow thousands on travel.

Then there are the delights of computing. Keen computing people have put together software packages for keeping your records, with such titles as "The Birdwatcher's Electronic Logbook". Birding by computer is a concept remote from my personal joys, but it goes to show that birds can appeal to all sorts and conditions of mankind.

There are thousand of bits of equipment to give delight. Binoculars, however, have to come first. You can spend more than £600 on a pair if you want; you can also buy a pair for no more than a few quid. It is a vital to ask someone for some serious technical advice before spending your money, so here is mine. *Get any pair.* Use them all the time. Take them wherever you go.

Expensive binoculars are better than cheap ones, and the stuff at the top of the range provides a quality so startling that the first time I tried a pair I shouted aloud with amazement. This was shortly before buying them. The fact that I could not afford them was an irrelevant detail.

You do not pay for the number of magnifications you get, but for the quality of the image. If you use something with 20 magnifications, your hand-shake will also be magnified 20 times. If your super-power bins are heavy — and they always are at that size — you won't get a steady or a helpful image at all. Truly enormous binoculars are only useful for hanging racecourse admission badges on. You need clarity, not power.

TO HAVE a lovely pair of binoculars is great, but the real point is to possess a pair, *any* pair. Binoculars are one of the few pieces of hardware that can change the world for you. The quality is no more than a luxury, but binoculars themselves are a necessity. If you buy a pair for a few pounds and start to use them, the world will never be the same again.

Binoculars open your eyes to birds, and thus to conservation. No one can think of birding without thinking of conservation: the British Birdwatching Fair aims to raise £15,000 for the conservation of the Danube delta. This is said to be Europe's greatest wetland; it holds Dalmatian pelican, pygmy cormorant, white-headed duck and up to 20,000 red-breasted geese. These are birds that look good through any kind of binoculars: the fair offers a way to enjoy them and also a way to secure their homeland. That, in racing terms, is a Win Double.

SIMON BARNES

● *British Birdwatching Fair, Egleton Nature Reserve, Rutland Water, near Oakham, Leicestershire. Today and tomorrow, 10am-5.30pm. £5, children free.*

● **What's about:** Birders — *Watch out for migrants on east and south coasts, including red-backed shrike, wryneck and tawny pipit.* Twitchers — *Short-toed lark on the Isles of Scilly, aquatic warbler at Marazion, Cornwall, and green warbler on Fair Isle. Details from Birdline (0898 700222).*

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Up Honeysuckle Junction

Running on time: Laurence Hutchins in his garden, with one of the scale-model trains of the Hampstead Clockwork and Steam Light Railway Company

George Hill discovers the very model of a well run railway running through the flowerbeds of a suburban garden in Hampstead

This is the Night Mail crossing the Border,
Bringing the cheque and the postal order . . .

In spite of Beeching, in spite of Thatcher, the romance of the iron road is still in full steam in Hampstead. Perhaps when Auden wrote "crossing the Border" in *Night Mail* he did not have in mind a border planted with Roses of Sharon, and overhung by twiring honeysuckle. But the principle is still the same.

The honeysuckle is a bit of a hazard, in fact, because if a strand comes trailing across the line, it can upset a locomotive in no time, leaving it on its back in the flowerbed. A nasty pile-up, and it is all too easy to burn one's fingers picking up the sizzling engine, and putting it back on the rails again.

But Laurence Hutchins is not afraid of burning his fingers. On the contrary, he sees the risk as one of the attractions that have induced him to build an O-gauge railway in his garden, within 300 yards of Hampstead Heath.

"There are two kinds of railway modellers," he says. "There are the miniaturists, who strive to produce a model which is so true to life that it would be impossible to say from a photograph whether it is real or a model. And there are people like me. For us, the main thing is that we actually enjoy driving an engine."

Last month he held a champagne reception in the garden, to mark the formal inauguration of the Hampstead Clockwork and Steam Light Railway Company. Unlike British Rail's North London Line, which groans on its ignominious course half a mile south of the house, the HCSLR is a model of a well-run railway.

Its services run on 120ft of track, winding along the pergola and under the apple tree, with a truss girder bridge springing in a single span across the garden path. It has brought the sounds of the railway to a quiet street. Neighbours on their way to walk the dog on the heath still look up, startled, when a waspish buzzing among the branches overhead signals the passage of Nero, an 0-4-0 quarry engine, or Tallylyn, a gas fired live steam 0-4-2 saddle tank engine, drawing three coaches and guard's van.

Mr Hutchins makes television commercials, an occupation which needs to be balanced by a hobby with a strong grounding in reality. The wear and tear of the great outdoors constantly threatens the smooth running of a garden railway. Struts rot, rain floods the track, cats use the bridges as a thoroughfare. Without disciplined and vigilant attention to maintenance, the line could quickly deteriorate to a standard of reliability no better than that of British Rail.

There may be other railways like the HCSLR pounding through the undergrowth of the London suburbs. Mr Hutchins is a member of the Sixteen Millimetre Modellers Association, whose members work in the self-contained world of the scale of 16 millimetres to the foot. "We have 1,500 members, and many of these have an interest in laying out a track in their gardens," says Mr Edward Hodson, the membership secretary of the association. "But I should think a line comparable to the one Mr Hutchins has built is quite rare in inner London."

The railway bug bit Mr Hutchins early, as it almost always does. At the age of eight, he was already a train spotter. When he grew out of this, he began collecting model trains, and put together a considerable collection of engines from the famous workshops of Bassett-Lowke. Eventually speculators moved into the market and forced prices up to levels which he felt did not make sense. He gave up collecting, and began to map out the route for the HCSLR.

Mr Hutchins is a hands-on railways enthusiast, a shareholder of the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway in Kent. He and his wife make pilgrimages to investigate the railways of India, or to ride on the Orient Express.

Hr Hutchins is ambitious to extend his network, through a tunnel and then round the inside perimeter of the summerhouse, which has become a railway workshop during the process of construction. When Mrs Hutchins — whom he refers to as "the Domestic Authority" — found him eyeing the summerhouse in the same way as Isambard Kingdom Brunel used to ogle the West Country, she exacted strict conditions regarding planning gain. The extension would only be acceptable, she said, if the summerhouse were fully returned to its former use. These conditions have been accepted, and the project is soon to go ahead.

It would not be surprising if Mr Hutchins has plans at the back of his mind to extend his network from the pergola to the branches of the trees just above. Then he would need only to throw a high-level bridge across South Heath Road, and he could send Nero and Tallylyn pounding from tree to tree right round the heath.

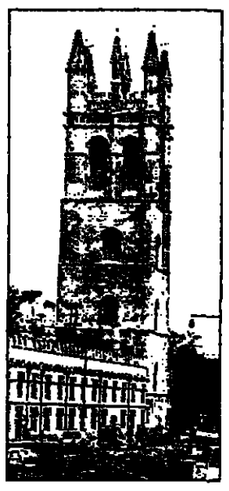
Holding up the dreaming spires

For more than 160 years, an Oxford firm has helped to ensure that some of Britain's most historic buildings remain standing

Ten years ago trumpeters played a fanfare and the choristers of Magdalen College, Oxford, sang a specially composed ode to mark the completion of the restoration of the college's famous 15th century tower, which guards the eastern entrance to the old city.

Undergraduates in the late 1970s came and went without ever seeing the tower, which for six years was encased in scaffolding. Few of today's sightseers are aware that the whole of the top section of the tower is a modern replacement; if they were told, they might wonder where in the late 20th century craftsmen could be found whose skills matched those of the medieval stonemasons.

The answer lies a couple of miles away on a modern industrial estate where Symm and Company, and its associate APS Masonry, have their headquarters. For more than 160 years the company has been training masons, bricklayers, carpenters, joiners and painters to remarkably high standards and applying their skills to the restoration of historic buildings all over Britain.



Magdalen College tower

The firm was founded in 1827 in the heart of the city. Malcolm Axtell, its present joint chairman, believes the yard was the model for that depicted by Thomas Hardy in *Jude the Obscure*.

Not much seems to have changed. The soft limestone continues to crumble under the combined onslaught of damp, frost and pollution, and over the years every college in the university has called for Symm's services.

Although Oxford has supplied its bread and butter, Symm has by no means confined itself to the city. It was, for example, responsible for much of the restoration work that accompanied the cleaning of the Palace of Westminster from 1981 onwards, and for repairing and replacing the façade of Blenheim Palace.

Stonemasonry is perhaps the most eye-catching of its activities, but it is matched by the equally exacting standards applied to woodwork and other interior refurbishments.

Symm has also expanded its operations to the United States, where it has received commissions in Virginia, Florida, Texas and New York, mostly for replicas of historic buildings.

Although Mr Axtell would certainly not claim that his firm's work is unique, he believes that few others pay the same attention to detail. "A lot of historic buildings have suffered from builders who have done unspeakable things," he says.

But in many ways things seem to be improving. John Besley, who is in charge of the company's training programme, thinks the industry is at last pulling out of the post-war decline when standards dropped disastrously. "The cheapest of the cheap is seen to have been a failure and is no longer acceptable," he says.

Apprentices are now easier to recruit, thanks to higher wages and the prospect of proper training courses organised by, for example, the Oxford College of Further Education and the Construction Industry Training Board. Symm has about 20 apprentices employed at the works or attending courses, and many of them have family histories in building trades going back for generations.

The work of a such a company may have only limited relevance to contemporary building and architecture. But it is encouraging to know that, in one of the great historic cities of England, the old skills survive and thrive.

JOHN YOUNG

Assets

Wrapped up: the Paisley design has many uses around the home and as a fashion fabric

Paisley refuses to fade

PAISLEY is a style that just will not fade away; its hold over home furnishings, fabrics and fashion remains as firm as ever, which seems appropriate for a motif that came to represent the renewal of life.

The distinctive teardrop design, beloved of Kashmiri princes, derives from the growing shoot of the date palm. Since palms provided food, wine, wood and thatch, the pine motif came to symbolise life itself. Paisley flourished in the textiles, embroideries, tiles and carvings of early Indian and European decorative arts, before classical motifs from Greece and Rome began to influence designs.

This autumn, the familiar swirling pattern bedecks all kinds of goods, from bags and umbrellas to stationery and bedspreads.

Paisley became popular in the mid-18th century, when hand-made shawls from Kashmir reached Britain, courtesy of the British East India Company. Because the shawls took up to three years to complete, demand soon outstripped supply. Entrepreneurs seized the opportunity to copy the shawls, and textile manufacturers in Paris, Lyons, Vienna, Edinburgh, Norwich and the Scottish town of Paisley competed for the lucrative business.

In the 1990s, Liberty has introduced a new red and green paisley print, called Hockerday, which could be used for accessories in every room in the house. Harvey Nichols' new Etro boutique stocks paisley-covered luggage, for £600-£1,200, cushions for £60-£80, boxes from £200, ties for £50.25, wool shawls from £200 and cashmere shawls from £400.

Bedrooms can be brightened with paisley quilt covers, from £23.50, and pillowcases, from £6.65, at selected House of Fraser stores.

Curtains can be made of Sanderson's paisley Hurlingham fabric, at £12.25 per metre from London's Army & Navy Stores. Debenhams stocks men's paisley dressing gowns at £24.99 and silk boxer shorts also at £16.99.

For the living room, Grand Paisley, a Laura Ashley fabric, is available in navy cotton, £12.45 per metre, with a matching wallpaper border, £4.45 per roll.

A paisley range of Scottish-made stationery is available from the National Trust for Scotland's mail order catalogue (031-226 5922).

Nationwide branches of Tie Rack sell a wide choice of wool wraps, £25, silk scarves, and silk ties, from £9.99 each, boxer shorts, from £6.99, and bow ties, from £8.99.

For original paisley textiles, explore Harrods' Age of Elegance department, where antique throws, dating from 1870, cost about £1,950.

NICOLE SWENGLEY

Events in town

☐ **London Histrionic:** History Society members dressed as picnickers of the early 17th century talk and give a musical recital.
Chiswick House, Burlington Lane, London W4. Today from 11am. Garden admission free. House: adult £2, children £1. Details (081-995 0508).

☐ **Brent show and carnival:** Arena events, sports, stalls, shire horses, music, children's entertainment.
Roundwood Park, Longstone Avenue, London NW10. Today, tomorrow, noon-7pm. £2.50, child £1.50.

☐ **Taxi Driver of the Year:** Annual charity fund raising competition in which cabbies take part in a road run and manoeuvres. Also children's entertainments and stalls.
Battersea Park, London SW11. Tomorrow, 10am-6pm.

☐ **Thames Barge Sailing Club open days:** Opportunity to look over these beautiful working boats, once a common sight on the Thames
St Katherine's Yacht Haven, London E1. Today, tomorrow, 10.30am-5pm. Free.

☐ **Huddersfield canals festival:** Gathering of canal boats, plus waterside entertainments.
Aspley Basin and Huddersfield Polytechnic, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire. Today, tomorrow from noon. Free.

☐ **City of Nottingham Show:** Flower and vegetable show, arena events, children's entertainment and trade stands.
Wollaton Park, Nottingham. Tomorrow 10am-6pm. £2.50, children £1.50.

JUDY FROSHAUG

WEEKEND TIMES

Next weekend sees the launch of Weekend Times, *a 16-page broadsheet colour section offering the best in weekend activities, from gardening to travel ideas, entertainment, town and country events, places to go and reasons not to go far.* Weekend, *which starts with a look at what makes the Japanese tick as the Japan exhibition opens, perfectly complements the rest of Saturday's* Times: *the latest news and sport, family finance and of course the award-winning* Saturday Review

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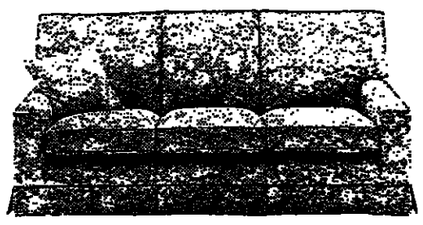

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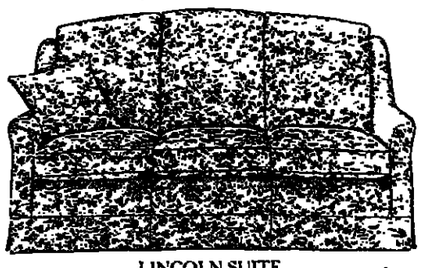

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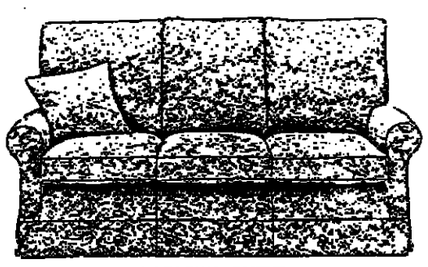

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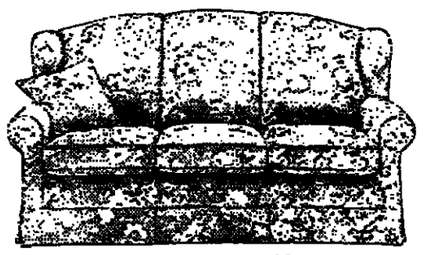

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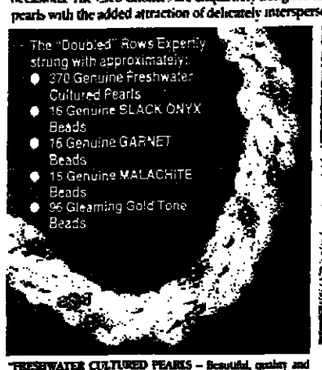

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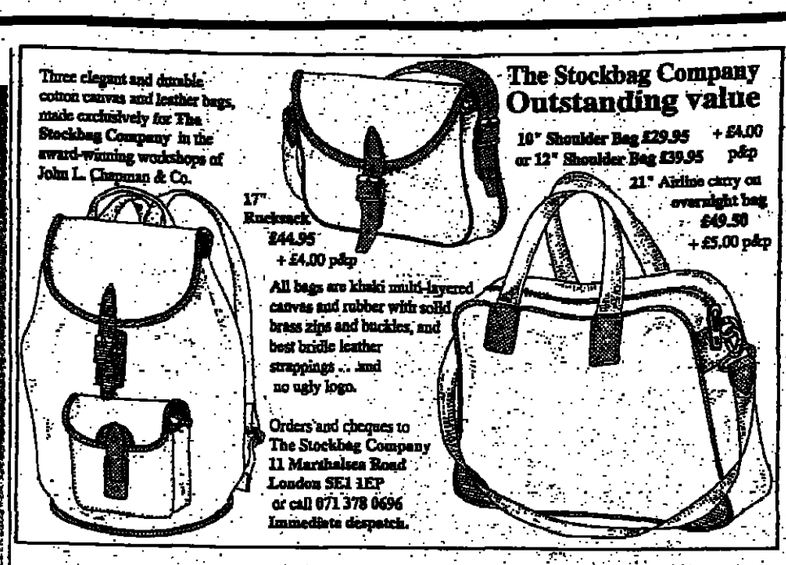

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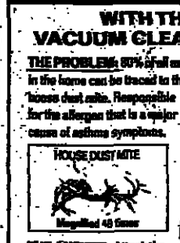

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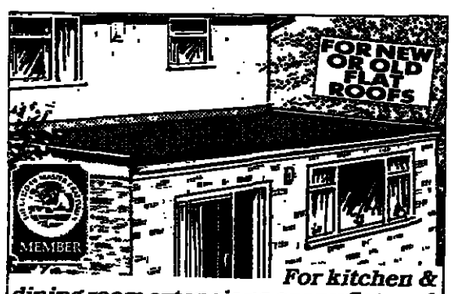

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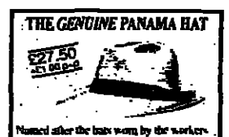

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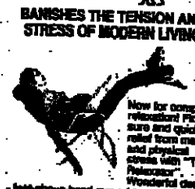

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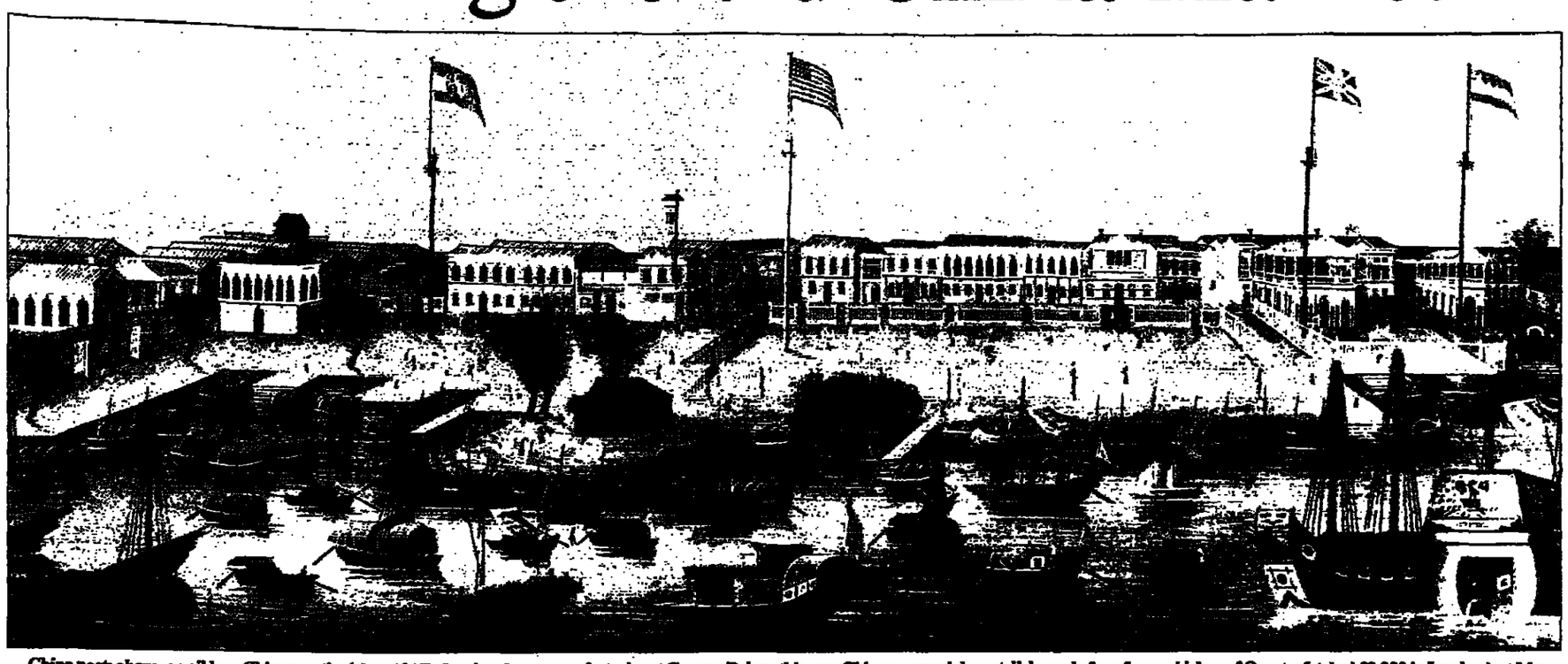


China past: above, an oil by a Chinese artist (circa 1815) showing the western factories at Canton. Below, this rare Chinese armorial meat dish, made for a former bishop of Oporto, fetched £9,900 in London last May

The publication next month of a respected, and now revised, guide on the ancient Chinese decorative arts, leads Huon Mallalieu on his own voyage of exploration of Eastern delights

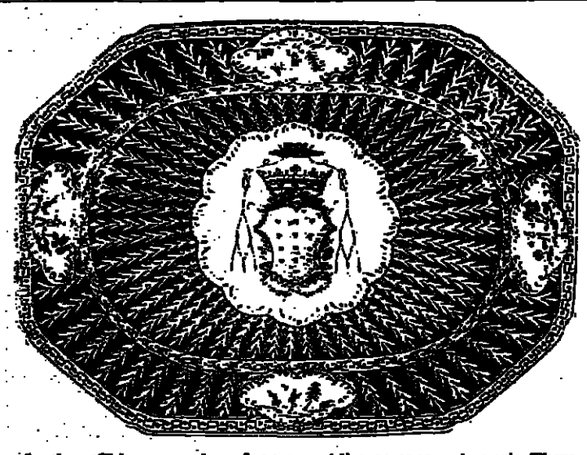
In 1986 the press was greatly excited by the auction of 160,000 pieces of Chinese blue and white porcelain, together with 120 gold ingots and various other Chinese and European artefacts which had been recovered from the wreck of a Dutch East Indies ship, the Geldermalsen, in the South China Sea. The "Nanking Cargo", as it was called by the publicity mongers, was not particularly special in China trade terms but revived a "China mania".

There was a considerable trade in silks and spices between the Chinese and the Roman empires, but ceramics do not seem to have featured much in it except, perhaps incidentally, in the form of containers. In the following centuries, however, other foreigners closer to hand were easily accommodated by the Chinese potters. There were vessels for the Japanese tea ceremony, large martabani storage jars for the Indonesian islands, and forms and designs to Islamic tastes for Persia and the West. Inevitably, and inaccurately, Marco Polo is credited with the beginnings of European interest in porcelain and allied wares, and his name has been attached to certain individual examples.

The great collection of Augustus the Strong (1670-1733), at Dresden, includes "Butter tubs brought from the East by Marco Polo", which are, alas for romance, incense burners, perhaps made in Augustus's lifetime. In fact, it was the Portuguese who began the real China trade, and in the late 16th and 17th centuries the great fairs of Paris were full of their merchandise.

The Dutch, the English and the French followed, and by the beginning of the 19th century 12 European powers and the United States had factories, or trading posts, on the China coast.

Two figures help to give an idea of the immensity of the trade. Between 1605, when Dutch trading voyages began, and 1656, more than three million pieces of porcelain had been embarked for Holland from Formosa, as Taiwan was then known, and in 1735 just two English ships discharged a total of 240,000 pieces. Also, it is easy to overlook the vast number of other Chinese works of art which were exported: paintings, sculptures, wallpapers, glass and mirror paintings, enamels, silks, fans, furniture, ivory and wood carvings, silver and bronzes and lacquer wares such as boxes, caddies, screens and panels. There was probably a quantity of lacquer aboard the the East Indiaman Geldermalsen, but none survived the long immersion.



In Britain, and to a lesser extent Spain, Portugal and Brazil, one of the most visible of the categories made by the Chinese for export is armorial porcelain, which was particularly fashionable in the 18th century, both as single pieces and full dinner services.

The fashion was preceded by the craze for blue and white which, Daniel Defoe wrote, "became a grievance in the expense of it and was injurious to their family and estates". In the later 19th century, the craze for blue and white infected the aesthetes once more.

In 1972, many aspects of this immense business were illuminated in the book *The Decorative Arts of the China Trade*, by Carl L. Crossman, an American who has been involved with the subject as a museum curator and a dealer throughout a long career. The book has been virtually rewritten, and next month it will be republished by the Antique Collectors' Club at £45.

Mr Crossman's main area of interest is in what are termed "China Coast paintings", executed between about 1760 and the 1800s by Chinese artists working in a more or less European manner. These include portraits, watercolours of street scenes and various trades and industries, views of the ports frequented by westerners, most notably the Hongs, foreign merchants' factories at Canton, and ship portraits. There are also the European artists, led by George Chinnery, who settled on the China Coast, and worked in a manner into which a certain Chinese influence was infused.

Mr Crossman is sound and informative on Chinese export furniture. He also covers lacquer, and has chapters on modellers, fans, silver and metal workers, silks and textiles and painted wallpapers. Wisely, in this revision, he omits all discussion of ceramics, because of the vastness of the subject and the wealth of scholarly information already available.

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Lynne Truss looks back at the heady days of Lime Grove studios, when television was made for family consumption

Raised on Muffins and Brownies

What are the dangers to children of growing up with television? At Edinburgh this week, a little flurry of debate whirled briefly around this modern conundrum and then — as always — floated to rest. Nobody knows, really, whether today's square-eyed kiddies are better or worse off than the poor little tykes of the pre-television era. On Wednesday, in **Edinburgh Nights** (BBC 2), a spokesman for the BBC's education department denied that the impact of television culture is a reduction of literacy. But unfortunately he somewhat undermined his argument by referring to public misconceptions as a "general misnomer".

For those who find the question boring and unresolvable, there is a certain comfort in the thought that it will soon, in any case, be obsolete. By the year 2000, very few people will be able to remember being brought up on anything other than television, so the matter will be obliged to drop. Like today's inveterate cigarette-smokers, the children of the television age will refuse to entertain doubts about their lifelong habit. When the health issue is raised, we shall all smile and shake our heads, saying, "Listen, sunshine, television never did *me* any harm, and I watched it for ten hours a day."

There are quite a few of us, actually, who already fall into this category — people who were brought up entirely on Fifties and Sixties television, yet, by some miracle, can nevertheless hold a book the right way up, or print our names without getting the letters back to front. When we meet, we confer excitedly about our favourite plot — lines from *The Avengers* and *No Hiding Place* — and ask anxiously whether anybody else remembers a kids' sci-fi programme called *Space Patrol* (nobody ever does). Outsiders may spot us by our awkward stringed-puppet loping gait (with wrists higher than our shoulders), and by our custom of bidding goodbye to each other in the style of The Flowerpot Men. "Bup Up, Lipple Weeb." "Bup Up."

By some strange coincidence, many members of this brainy baby-boom sub-culture have found themselves slap-bang back in the BBC, making arts features about television programmes that (in some cases) predate their own birth. Back to the womb, as you might say. Last Monday's all-day BBC 2 extravaganza marking the closure of the Lime Grove studios was a splendid tribute to the heady days of *Tonight* and *Light Entertainment*, to *Doctor Who* and *What's My Line?* — but what was most noticeable about it was its sense of uncritical rapture. Oh *boy*. If early television was innocuous, designed for family consumption, then watching **The Lime Grove Story** was rather like flipping through a family album of Box Brownie black and whites. "Look, here's big sister Alma Cogan. The size of that *frock*! And here's Uncle Bob Wellings on *Nationwide*. I can't believe I ever liked those sideburns, can you?"

> *'Watching The Lime Grove Story was like flipping through a family album of Box Brownie black and whites'*

Editors and reporters from *Tonight* and *Panorama* all paid affectionate tribute to their own part in the medium's infancy, while the words "Bliss was it in that dawn to be alive" hung visible but unspoken in the air above their heads. In those days, *Tonight* reporters (Trevor Philpott, Fyfe Robertson, Alan Whicker) travelled the world, and brought back unheard-of tales of Tokyo commuters or Las Vegas wedding chapels. But what came across equally strongly through the entire day was "Bliss was it in that dawn to be allowed to stay up to watch *Quatermass*". The view of television was the wide-eyed view of a Fifties child lying on the new fitted carpet, *while the house filled* up around him with fridges, hairdryers and portable radios.

The only thing that conferred no bliss whatsoever was the Lime Grove site itself, evidently. Sitting around in its deserted offices, with the air of old boys revisiting school, none of the participants could find a single good word for the building. "Hideous" was Ludovic Kennedy's heart-felt description of it. Clips from *We Are Your Servants*, a Fifties BBC home movie, showed a couple of fat-legged ballerinas dancing pluckily through the dreary corridors of Lime Grove, and down its nasty institutional concrete staircases — strangely, without nudging it a single inch nearer to a thing of beauty. All BBC buildings seem to exude the same peculiar essence of re-used polystyrene coffee cup, and Lime Grove was clearly no exception. As Muffin the Mule trotted blithely through the deserted studios and assembly points, one half-expected to see BBC employees scuttling into corners clutching broken angle-poise lamps under their arms.

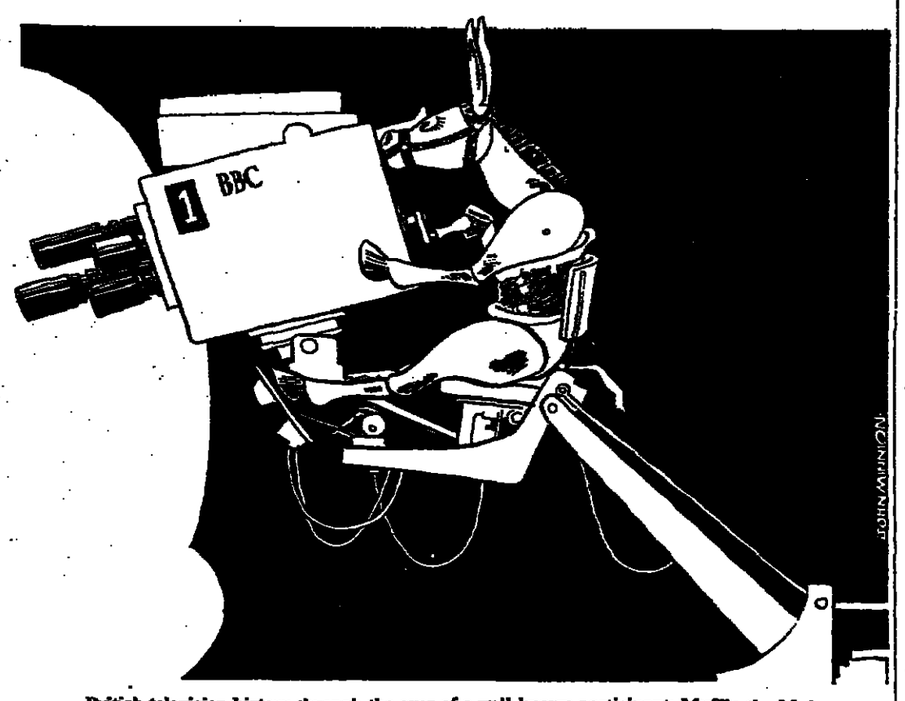
Unfortunately for the planners, the Bank Holiday was a day of sunshine. While owners of garden centres doubtless kissed the warm earth in thanks, the makers of *The Lime Grove Story* must have railed and cursed. It was strange to think of this popular material transformed into "minority" viewing. Years ago, said David Attenborough, a BBC television producer walking home from Lime Grove could spot a living-room window illuminated by the blue light of a television screen and know that his programme was being watched. The "reach" was phenomenal; there has never been anything quite like it. After 1955, of course, the viewers made a concerted dash to commercial television. Yet the BBC product nevertheless nestled deep in the public's consciousness, and *The Lime Grove Story* knew how to recall it, with succinct bits of Cliff Michelmore. "The next *Tonight* will be tomorrow night. Good night."

Once Television Centre was built, Lime Grove surrendered its Dusty Springfields and Doctor Whos, and became Current Affairs capital of the BBC, which was why the atmospheric clashes between politicians and broadcasters expressed themselves regularly in storms over its ugly silhouette, with each faction accusing the other of being too big for its boots.

In Monday's programmes, what emerged usefully was the context for the broadcasters' self-confessed arrogance when dealing with politics. From *Panorama* to *Nationwide*, the steadfast (and unquestioning) belief of interviewers and film-makers was that they simply represented the interests of the "public".

Watching *Nationwide*, said one pundit, you could be just sitting innocently eating your tea, and suddenly Vic Feather was being baited on screen — apparently on your behalf. What was not made clear was that it was surely during the reign of *Nationwide* (1969-1983) that the notion of consensus television finally faltered. It was possible to loathe *Nationwide* for its familial overtones, its assumption that everybody at home wanted the same questions answered, or that we all loved endless repetition of the same pay-off visual gag (summed up as "Pull back to reveal no trousers").

On Fridays, Channel 4 is showing **Dream On**, an American sitcom featuring a man of precisely my age whose ostensible problem in life is that he was reared on television. Clips from ancient shows continually flash into his mind, at bad moments, distracting him from the less cozy aspects of his real life. To be honest, *Dream On* might actually work better without these interludes because they add very little. But we should all take warning that self-referential television is now set on a course, and will forever increase. The medium is not just the message any more; the medium is the mummy. *Bup Up, Lipple Weebs.*



British television history through the eyes of a well-known participant: Muffin the Mule

In tune with its roots

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EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

TO BEGIN was a brief celebration, Lukáš Matousek's *Fanfare for 17 November*: not the most original piece ever written in the genre, perhaps, but an important gesture from one of those many artists whose aspirations were previously stifled by totalitarian rule. Hearing it gave the audience a chance to assess the quality of the brass players of the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra, visitors to Edinburgh for three concerts. They are a little rough and ready, and less rounded compared with most British groups, but produce an admirably open sound.

This openness, together with the orchestra's predictable devotion to the work of Dvořák, helped its performance of that composer's Seventh Symphony to be utterly compelling. Dvořák is not a composer whose work responds to mere polish: it is too rooted in common human experience for that.

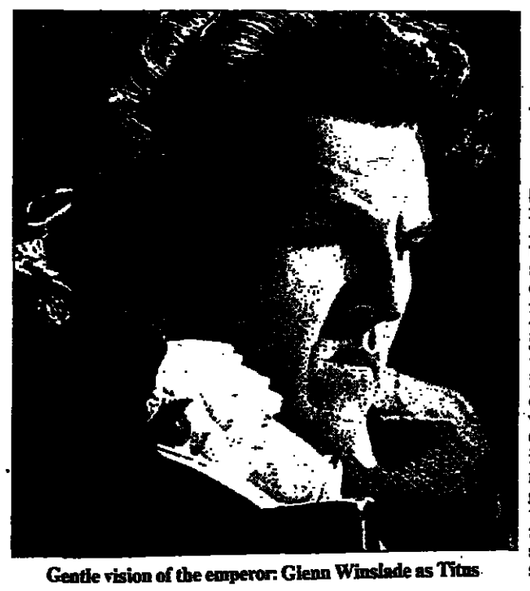
Here Sir Charles Mackerras powered the symphony irresistibly onward, beguiling the ear with his carefully judged balance and well-sprung rhythms, and relishing both light and dark aspects of this ambivalent, yet satisfyingly complete piece.

AFTERWARDS, Janáček's *Glagolitic Mass* sounded magnificent, despite the hindrance of a rather too artificial-sounding electronic organ. This majestic affirmation of faith again gains its sense of spirituality from a deep awareness of the human condition rather than through any self-consciously lofty aspirations. Like Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis*, the *Glagolitic Mass* seems as much secular as sacred, despite the composer's scrupulous observation of the ritual in his provision of instrumental pieces for the clergy's entrance and exit.

The Edinburgh Festival Chorus gave a splendidly full-throated performance, while the team of soloists, Zora Jehličková, Eva Randová, Leo Marian Vodička and Peter Mikulás, were equally good, blending well together and lending the work an authentic colour which no singer from another country could possibly reproduce. The same cannot be said of Mackerras, in whose Antipodean blood Czech music, and especially Janáček's, flows naturally. That is something the Czech PO, which rose superbly, brass and all, to the demands of the piece, obviously appreciates.

STEPHEN PETTITT

Dramatic vista with too many views



Gentle vision of the emperor: Glenn Winslade as Titus

OPERA

La Clemenza di Tito
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FIRST, an apology. A few days ago, in justly praising Stephen Oliver's new recitatives for Glyndebourne's version of *La Clemenza di Tito* given at the Proms, I readily subscribed to the common dismissive view of the originals, in all likelihood composed in some haste by Süssmayr. That discounted the sort of delivery apparent in Scottish Opera's new production by Stephen Wadsworth, shared with Houston Grand Opera. This cast turns it into a dramatic and fast-moving dialogue, which both gives the piece a spark of vitality and allows the arias the space to be what they should be: investigations of states of mind.

I am not quite as convinced by Thomas Lynch's set, with its curved wall probably a corner of the Coliseum seen in the overgrown, dilapidated state of the 18th century rather than it was in Roman times (the epoch is borne out by the style of the costumes). This threatens to displace one's involvement with the piece, which becomes a view from the 20th century of a view from the 18th century of ancient Rome.

One discomforting implication of that, surely not intended, could be that Mozart is, after all, not really of our time. But the stage, which also includes a marble-floored dais — suitably ruinous — for Titus's court, looks solid and imposing, and Peter Kaczorowski's lighting effects changes of scene and mood, and reflects Rome aflame impressively, if perhaps somewhat conventionally.

Wadsworth has concentrated on making the principal characters seem like real people, for all the traditional failings of the English translation (how many times should the phrase "Oh I am feeling so tormented" really be allowed to appear?). The decidedly smooth tenor of Glenn Winslade is well-suited to his gentle vision of the role of Titus, and he just manages to avoid the pitfall of oily virtue. Juliana Gondek's Vitellia is a red-haired, buxom and tempestuous figure (rather suggestive of Liz Taylor playing Lady Macbeth), her singing consequently hard and determined, while Anne Mason's ardent Sextus, with his penetrating, heroic tone, conveys well the torments of one who is both loyal subject and lover blinded by passion.

CLAIRE Daniels, as Servilia, delivers a deeply touching appeal to Titus in her Act I aria; Cheryl Barker's Annius, stubbornly refusing to grasp Sextus's hand in friendship in a troubled ending (Wadsworth offers no cosy reconciliation), and Robert Poulton's softly sympathetic Publius complete a fine cast. The chorus work is sometimes a touch shoddy offstage, but sturdy on it, though Wadsworth has not really succeeded in solving the problem of what to do with the members of the chorus, making them adopt Poussin-like poses.

Under the American-based conductor Nicholas McGegan, making his debut with the company, the Scottish Opera Orchestra plays with real verve, warmth and style, and there are elegant obbligatos from clarinet (Martin Burrell) in Sextus's Act I vengeance aria and from basset horn (Nicholas Ross) in Vitellia's self-searching Act II aria. The production moves to Glasgow's Theatre Royal on Tuesday.

STEPHEN PETTITT

Sparkling within a polished setting

DANCE

Giselle
King's, Glasgow

A BATTLE of the ballets is taking place in Scotland's two chief cities, with the Scottish Ballet in Glasgow competing against the dance events of the Edinburgh Festival. Last week the home team scored higher than the visiting Cuban ballet in their rival triple bills, except in respect of originality. This week, the Scottish *Giselle* sets a high standard for Peter Schaufuss's Berlin company to match.

Peter Darrell, Scottish Ballet's late founder choreographer, produced this *Giselle* 20 years ago, but it still holds together well for drama, style and conviction. An important factor is that Darrell decided to use only the music which Adam originally wrote for the ballet in 1841, omitting all the additions by other hands. The result is to make the action tighter; the central story is never lost, as can happen with more expansive versions.

Darrell set his production in a British context (a harvest festival replaces the grape picking celebration), and in a small town instead of in the country. This enabled him to establish a close-knit community for the background, and to include a surprise ending where Giselle's forgiveness of Albrecht for betraying her is not shared by her former neighbours.

At its last revival, three years ago, the production looked tired and dusty, but this time it has been polished lovingly to come up as good as ever. The company is also stronger now, and able to put up no fewer than five interpreters of the title role.

Yurie Shinohara, whom I saw, has the gift of making every movement look fresh, instinctive and true. Partly that arises from a disarming trust and simplicity in her acting, partly from an innate musicality, which phrases the choreography closely to the score — a colourful, theatrical but never lurid orchestration, well played under Richard Honner. Tristan Borrer makes a pleasingly direct Albrecht, puzzled and regretful at the trouble he has caused.

JOHN PERCIVAL

Seduced by social sleaze

THEATRE

The Blue Angel
Other Place, Stratford

BETTER banish any sweetly-sour memories of Marlene Dietrich huskily throbbing out torch-songs while men self-destruct for the sake of a smile. In fact, better forget the movie altogether. The Heinrich Mann novel on which it was based was a less sentimental proposition, and so is the play Pam Gems has derived from the book. Trevor Nunn, who directs with his usual adroitness, is re-opening the Royal Shakespeare Company's rebuilt Other Place with a gaudy picture of moral degradation in an increasingly ugly Weimar Republic.

Suppose Dr Arnold, pillar of the public school system, had been driven by need to become a nightclub crook, the kind who nowadays ends up escaping from the police to the Costa del Sol. Or imagine that Mr Gladstone actually married one of the tarts he was so fond of trying to reform, and was successively transformed into Mr Hyde, Captain Hook and, in a last desperate attempt to scrape a living, Coco the Clown. Such is the fate of Professor Raat, pedagogue and patriot, on the Expressionist set Maria Bjornson has constructed in the Other Place's new brickwork.

Practical, but gutsy: Kelly Hunter as Lola

The floor is paved with cobblestones, along which tram tracks run to a palatial arch and a zigzag staircase: here a giant mirror, there an askew streetlamp, above them a tiny, sloping bedroom. Somehow Nunn is able to switch the action from a schoolroom to a street to a honeymoon hotel; but the setting is best suited to the Blue Angel itself, with its retinue of elephantine dancers, python-tamers in chains and assorted grotesques from the paintings of Grosz, Beckmann and Dix.

As it turns out, there are structural problems with what ensues. Gems tries to interest us in the relationships of the inhabitants of this sleazy nighterie; but it is desultory stuff. They are no more than a garish background for Kelly Hunter's gutsy, practical Lola, whose cynical front conceals a yearning for finer things, and Raat, the man who wins her.

He, not she, is the major part, and a tricky one for any actor. As played by Philip Madoc, he is the archetypal stuffed shirt, a squat tyrant bristling with rightmindedness and chauvinist arrogance. It is hard, then, to understand why he is moved to pursue a recalcitrant pupil to the Hamburg slums (Gems could have helped here) and not easy to see why he falls so instantly and abjectly for the very woman he has taught his charges to despise. Madoc does much to suggest the insecure, sexually hypnotised animal beneath the social bluster; but it will not quite do.

This would not matter so much if the wooing and wedding did not last two-thirds of the evening. What is really absorbing is the last act, when Raat finds himself snubbed for his misalliance by the great men who once fêted him. The ultra-conventional snob becomes the victim of ultra-conventional snobbishness, and reacts with awful vindictiveness, becoming a blackmailer and calling himself a moral scourge. There are moments here when the newly confident Madoc radiates a feral, terrifying rage. It is a pity there are not more of them.

His criminal career is short-lived, of course. Gems's play is a portrait of the brutality of the powerful, an attack on corruption, hypocrisy and ruthlessness successfully in action. By the end, all that is left for the ruined Raat is to parade before the sneering nobs of Hamburg in a face daubed with white, with a pig's snout for a nose and tufts of blue protruding from his clown's skullcap. It is a painful moment, a strong, suggestive closing to an uneven play.

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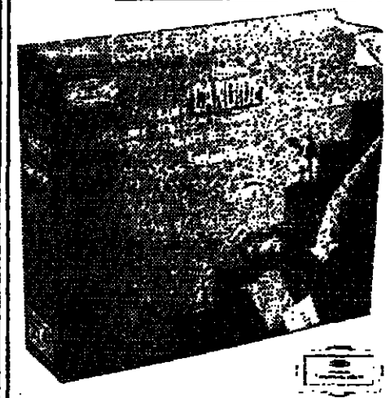

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BBC 1

6.40 Open University: Health Care in Mozambique **7.05** Shapes of Flows **7.30 Pinocchio.** Cartoon **7.50 Kissyfur.** Cartoon (r)

8.15 The 8.15 from Manchester. All aboard for live music from the Farm and the Sahotas. Wilson Dubois dives into the world of watersports and Clive Dunn returns as *Grandad* **8.52 Weather**

9.55 Grandstand. Introduced by Desmond Lynam. Including at **10.00, 4.15 World Athletics Championships.** The line-up is (subject to alteration): **(10.20)** Women's 4 x 100m semi-finals; **(10.30)** Men's shot put final; **(10.40)** Men's 4 x 100m semi-finals; **(11.00)** Women's 1,500m final; **(11.20)** Men's 3,000m steeplechase final; **(11.45)** Women's 4 x 400m, first round; **(12.20)** Men's 4 x 400m semi-finals **12.45, 1.05 Rowing.** Highlights from the world championships in Vienna **1.00 News 1.25, 2.35, 3.05 Golf.** Third round of the European Open from Walton Heath **1.55, 2.25, 2.55 Racing from Chester: (2.00)** Tricity Bendix Princess Handicap; **(2.30)** Tricity Bendix President Nursery Handicap; **(3.00)** Tricity Bendix Series Six Chester Stakes **2.05 Motor Sport.** Round ten of the British Touring Car Championships **4.35 Final Score.** A round-up of today's football results

5.00 News and weather **5.10 Regional News** and sport

5.15 Only Fools and Horses: Homesick. An early episode from John Sullivan's sublime comedy about the south London wheeler-dealers. Starring David Jason, Nicholas Lyndhurst and the late Lennard Pearce (r). (Ceefax)

5.45 The Russ Abbot Collection. A selection of sketches from the past five years. (Ceefax)

6.20 Film: Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom (1984). Steven Spielberg's second hair-raising adventure for the daredevil archaeologist, a prequel to *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. High speed thrills are set against the backdrops of Shanghai and the Himalayas. Despite the early evening slot, some scenes may scare young children. Starring Harrison Ford. (Ceefax)

8.15 Birds of a Feather: Keeping Up Appearances. A new series of the feisty comedy about two south London prison widows. Starring Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson. (Ceefax)

Sisters with a flair for fashion: Gonet and Lombard (8.45pm)

8.45 The House of Eliott.
● CHOICE: From Jean Marsh and Eileen Atkins who devised *Upstairs, Downstairs* comes another period drama which has all the makings of a big audience pleaser. It is the tale of Beatrice and Evangeline (Stella Gonet and Louise Lombard), two sisters of a well-heeled family who suddenly have to make their way in the world when their doctor father dies and leaves them penniless. There is a clear feminist message about women being cast by men in stereotyped roles, with neither sister being trained for a career and the older one having to sacrifice her life to look after dad. But the pleasures of the series are more traditional: resourceful heroines, lavish Twenties sets and costumes and satisfying storylines. Tonight's opening episode by the reliable Jill Hyem sees the sisters getting over the shock of their empty legacy and sets up the clues to their future employment in the fashion trade. (Ceefax)

9.40 News and sport with Martyn Lewis. Weather

10.00 Film: The French Lieutenant's Woman (1981).
● CHOICE: Meryl Streep as the lone figure in black, buffeted by the wind on the sea wall at Lyme Regis, is the film's unforgettable image, though setting up expectations that are not entirely fulfilled. John Fowles's novel, in which the author constantly intervenes to question and comment on the 19th century story, has a double perspective that, short of using a voice-over, is almost impossible to convey in a film. The screenwriter, Harold Pinter, settled for a different dual narrative, attempting to counterpoint the Victorian love story of the former governess (Streep) and the gentleman of leisure (Jereny Irons) with an off-set affair between the actors who play them. But the modern gloss is too thinly written to make any useful point and the film is best enjoyed as a straight period piece, skilfully if anonymously handled by the director Karel Reisz and solidly acted, with Streep working hard on her English accent. (Ceefax)

12.00 Film: The Flesh and the Fiends (1959, b/w). Passable chiller from writer-director John Gilling, starring Peter Cushing as a 19th century Edinburgh doctor. George Rose and Donald Pleasence as the grave-robbers Burke and Hare. **1.30am Weather**

BBC 2

6.50 Open University: Maths — Modelling Cranes **7.15** Canal and Harbour Modelling **7.40** Geology — The Capitan Reef **8.05** Electrons and Atoms **8.30** Maths — Modelling Turkeys **8.55** Insal — Implications for a Nation **9.20** The Optical Lens **9.45** Mental Handicap — No Problem's Too Big **10.10** Images — Seeing with Sound **10.35** Education for Adults — Limerick Lessons **11.00** Policy-Making in Education **11.25** Environments — The Heat is On **11.50** Head Start — Children of the Dream **12.15** Romantic Poets — Prometheus Unbound **12.40** The Social Impact of Rapid Industrialisation **1.05** The Golden Rule **1.30** Modern Art — Pollock **1.55** Geometric Topology — Flows **2.20** Ecology — Flevoland Polders

2.45 Mahabharat. Episode 61 of the 93-part Indian epic. In Hindi with English subtitles

3.25 The Sky at Night: The Pole Star. Patrick Moore trains his telescope on Polaris, the most famous of celestial bodies (r)

Different as chalk and cheese: Bogart and Hepburn (3.45pm)

3.45 Film: The African Queen (1951).
● CHOICE: John Huston's many films could be so different in type and quality that it is almost impossible to detect a consistent directorial personality behind them. With *The African Queen* the attempt seems to fail completely, since what we see on the screen is a feast of acting apparently carried forward on its own momentum. Of Huston's contribution there are conflicting accounts. Did he encourage his stars, Humphrey Bogart and Katharine Hepburn, to play up the humour and develop the love story element or did this emerge from their performances? The tale of the hard-drinking river trader thrown together with a prim spinster in German East Africa during the first world war came originally from C.S. Forester. It was adapted for the screen by James Agee and glowingly photographed by the British cameraman, Jack Cardiff. The result was a film that can be enjoyed over and over again. (Ceefax)

5.30 The Shadow: Farmers. Last in the revealing series in which a Briton and a European compare job notes. Paula Alentejo from Portugal visits Perthshire farmer Donald McGillivray during the lambing season and discovers a less than idyllic existence beneath the sophistication. Meanwhile, the Scottish farmer is impressed with the EC subsidies to which his Portuguese counterpart has access. (Ceefax)

6.00 Mahler's Eighth Symphony. To launch BBCtv's nationwide transmission of Nicam stereo broadcasting, the London Philharmonic Orchestra under Klaus Tennstedt perform Mahler's Symphony No 8, *Symphony of a Thousand*, recorded at London's Festival Hall. With the London Philharmonic Choir, the London Symphony Chorus and the Eton College Boys' Choir

7.35 News and sport with Moira Stuart. Weather

7.50 The Last Days of Leningrad. Charles Wheeler previews a week of programmes to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the siege of Leningrad, whose citizens voted in June to readopt their city's former name of St Petersburg. With Ian Christie of the British Film Institute and John Stuart of Sotheby's (Ceefax)

8.00 Timewatch Special: Blockade.
● CHOICE: When Hitler invaded the Soviet Union in 1941, he vowed to wipe Leningrad off the face of the earth. The German plan was to surround the city and starve the population to extinction. Despite being deprived of water and electricity and suffering the hardest winter in memory, the Leningraders refused to capitulate. The blockade lasted for 900 days and claimed 1.25 million lives. The episode is movingly reconstructed in this documentary by a young German, Thomas Kufus, using hitherto unseen Soviet archive film and the testimonies of survivors. The memories, still sharp and painful, are perfectly matched to footage of haunted faces and dead bodies lying in the snow. The images are given extra force by being presented without sound. After the war Stalin tried to erase the story of civilian heroism and gave the credit to the military. With the help of glasnost Kufus has been able to put the record straight

9.30 World Athletics Championships. Desmond Lynam introduces live coverage from Tokyo of the men's marathon. With highlights of the penultimate day's competition. Ends at **12.35am**

6.00 TV-am

9.25 Motormouth. Return of the children's entertainment programme. Kylie Minogue sings her latest single "Word is Out", live in the studio; there are new cartoon exploits by the *Samurai Pizza Cats*; and the stars of *Bread* review the latest film releases, including *Pump Up the Volume*. Presented by Neil Buchanan, Andy Crane, Steve Johnson and Gaby Roslin

11.30 The ITV Chart Show. The video show features the best in rock music and the Australian group Men at Work perform "Down Under" in the *Vintage Video* slot

12.30 Superman: By the Skin of a Dragon's Teeth. Cartoon adventure with the caped crusader, who is tricked by arch-villain Lex Luthor into excavating a secret treasure

1.00 ITN News with Sue Carpenter. Weather **1.05 LWT News** and weather

1.10 Saint & Greavsie. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves with the latest news and views on the game of football

1.55 Cartoon Time

2.15 Film: The Spirit of St Louis (1957). Overlong but likeable Hollywood biopic of Charles Lindbergh, whose early exploits as a stunt pilot and airmail flyer led to his pioneering solo flight from New York to Paris in 1927. He is played by James Stewart. An unusual assignment for Billy Wilder, a director more usually associated with biting comedies

4.45 Results Service. Elton Welsby with sporting news

5.00 ITN News with Sue Carpenter. Weather **5.05 LWT News** and weather

5.15 Ten Sharp! DJ Pat Sharp with a run-down of ten unmissable items, including music, films, American ice cream and the soap whose viewers choose the storyline. Plus the chance to vote for Pat to get his hair cut, and a competition to meet the American actor David Hasselhoff on the *Baywatch* beach

5.30 Film: Baywatch — Panic at Malibu Pier (1989). Feature-length episode of the Malibu Beach drama which returns for a new series next week. David Hasselhoff stars as the newly promoted lifeguard chief in a custody battle with his former wife for their son. (Oracle)

Another compilation of out-takes: Dennis Norden (7.15pm)

7.15 It'll Be Alright on the Night 6. Dennis Norden presents more embarrassing out-takes, bleeps and blunders from the cutting room floor (r). (Oracle)

8.15 Film: A View to a Kill (1985). Roger Moore, in his final appearance as 007, sets out to prevent Max Zorin (Christopher Walken) from cornering the microchip market by flooding Silicon Valley in California. Predictable material is enlivened by Grace Jones as the villainess. Directed by John Glen. (Oracle)

10.40 ITN News with Sue Carpenter. Weather **10.55 LWT Weather**

11.00 Film: Porky's (1982). Dire comedy about the sexual exploits of six teenage boys. The gang decides to gatecrash Porky's, a sleazy night club in the Florida swamps. Starring Dan Monahan, Mark Herrier, Wyatt Knight, Roger Wilson, Cyril O'Reilly, Tony Ganios and Kim Cattrall. Directed by Bob Clark

12.55am 1991 UK Triathlon. Craig Miller hosts the nationwide competition for the Tayside trophy in swimming, cycling and running events in Monikie and Crombie country parks

2.00 Bhangra Beat. Monica Taklar and Mosy Hassan present the sounds of Chazal singer Najma Akhtar, whose music is influenced by the West, Bhangra group Saqi, pop band Tillake, Asian house band Social Kaos, and Sikh rappers the Illustler's Convention

2.30 Coach: The Curley O'Brien Award. American comedy series about an American college football coach. Starring Craig T. Nelson

2.55 Baseball 1991. Highlights from the United States

4.00 The Hit Man and Her. Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan with the entertainment magazine

5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson. Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Early Morning: Comic Book 7.00 Crosstalk 7.30 High 5 8.00 Trans World Sport 9.00 News Summary 9.05 Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line

9.30 Class by Class: The Printer's Tale. Ray Gosling looks at the ever-changing fortunes of printer Ted Gowin in the second of a seven-part series on Britain's class system. With signing and subtitles (r)

10.00 Check Out '91. Consumer series (r). (Teletext)

10.30 Wagon Train: The Vincent Eaglewood Story (b/w). Classic Fifties Western series

11.30 Australian Rules Football. The week's highlights

12.30 The Munsters: Bronco Bustin' Munster (b/w). The ghoulish family in more vintage comedy. Herman (Fred Gwynne) enters a bucking bronco rodeo contest (r)

1.00 Film: The Gay Sisters (1942, b/w). Protracted melodrama about three sisters (Barbara Stanwyck, Geraldine Fitzgerald and Nancy Coleman) fighting to save their New York mansion from greedy developer George Brent. Directed by Irving Rapper

3.05 Channel 4 Racing from Sandown Park. Charity meeting organised in conjunction with the Variety Club of Great Britain. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **(3.10)** Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation Graduation Stakes; **(3.40)** Texas Homecare Stakes Handicap; **(4.15)** Variety Club Gold Heart Maiden Stakes; **(4.45)** Palm Beach Club Stakes Handicap

5.10 Brookside. Omnibus edition (r). (Teletext)

6.30 The Big 8. Martin Duffy presents coverage of the third of six heats in the knockout wheelchair basketball tournament from Sheffield. This week's matches are Telford Celtics v Oldham Owls and Sheffield Steelers v Team Thistle. (Teletext)

7.00 The World This Week. Sheena McDonald and Nik Gowing review the week's international news, including **News** headlines and **Weather**

8.00 The World of the Beaver. Wildlife documentary from the *Survival* team first shown in the Sixties. The late Henry Fonda introduces the story of Castor, a beaver living amid Wyoming's Rocky Mountains, from infancy to fatherhood. Enemies may abound on the surface, from bears to fur trappers, but once he is underwater, the beaver is totally fearless. (Teletext)

Immigrants' dreams captured on film: Louis Malle (9.00pm)

9.00 Film: And the Pursuit of Happiness (1986). Thoughtful documentary, shot and narrated by the French director Louis Malle, exploring the hopes, dreams and individual experiences of the immigrants and refugees from various ethnic backgrounds who came to live in the United States. First showing on network television

10.30 As it Happens. Pete McCarthy reports by satellite from Tallinn, the capital of Estonia, as the Baltic republic prepares for independence

12.00 Manhattan Cable. American cult show featuring extracts from New York's uncensored public access cable television channels. Laurie Pike celebrates the fifth anniversary of the Vault, a sex fantasy club; talks to the concerned hairdresser who interviews passers-by about their hair; and watches a phone-in show for gamblers, hosted by a croupier from Atlantic City (r)

12.50am The Oprah Winfrey Show: Dolly Parton. The country and western singer and actress Dolly Parton talks about her music, philosophy, 25-year marriage, plans for a new film and latest album, *Eagle When She Flies* (r). Ends at **1.30**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Elephant Boy **6.30** Cartoon **7.00** Fun Factory **11.00** Danger Bay **11.30** She Na Na **12.00** Beyond 2000 **1.00pm** Combat **2.00** WWF Superstars of Wrestling **3.00** Monkey **4.00** Bearcats **5.00** 240 Robert **6.00** Parker Lewis Can't Lose **6.30** The Addams Family **7.00** T.J. Hooker **8.00** Unsolved Mysteries **9.00** Cops I **9.30** Cops II **10.00** All American Wrestling **11.00** Freddy's Nightmares **12.00** The Last Laugh **12.30am** The Bridge of San Luis Rey **2.30** Pages from Skyted

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise **5.30** Newsline **6.00** Sunrise **9.30** Dayline **10.30** Health Circuit **11.30** Newsline Weekend **12.30pm** Those Were the Days **1.30** Holiday Destinations **2.30** Fashion TV **3.30** Those Were the Days **4.30** Health Circuit **5.00** Live at Five **6.30** Newsline Weekend **7.30** Fashion TV **8.30** Holiday Destinations **10.30** Newsline Weekend **11.30** Fashion TV **12.30am** Holiday Destinations **1.30** Newsline Weekend **2.30** Health Circuit **3.30** Our World **4.30** Those Were the Days

SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase. Incl at **7.40** Entertainment Tonight
8.00 What Price Victory? (1988): Drama about the unscrupulous team recruitment methods employed by a college football team. Starring Mac Davis, Susan Hess and George Kennedy
10.00 Curse of the Pink Panther (1982): Ted Wass steps into the indomitable shoes of the late Peter Sellers as another bumbling detective whose lack of sleuthing expertise even surpasses that of Clouseau. With David Niven, Robert Wagner, Herbert Lom and Joanna Lumley
12.00 Eddie and the Cruisers II: Eddie Lives (1989): Sequel to the 1983 film charting the exploits of the rock and roll singer. Starring Michael Pare
2.00pm The Death of the Incredible Hulk (1990): The jolly green giant leaps into action when a scientist helping to find a cure for his troubles is kidnapped. Starring Bill Bixby and Lou Ferrigno
4.00 Entertainment Tonight
4.30 WWF Summerslam: From Madison Square Gardens
8.00 Tequila Sunrise (1988): Mel Gibson stars as a drug-dealer determined to go straight. With Kurt Russell and Michelle Pfeiffer
10.00 Downtown (1990): An unlikely partnership between a naive white cop and a street-wise black veteran develops when they are ordered to capture a dangerous criminal
11.35 The Story of Linda: A young woman embarks on a series of sensual adventures
1.00am Society (1989): A teenage outsider senses something odd about his family and their friends. Then, to his horror, he discovers his fears are justified. Starring Billy Warlock and Devin Devasquez
2.35 The Enforcer (1976): The third film in the *Dirty Harry* series, starring Clint Eastwood
4.10 Nicky and Gino (1987): Ray Liotta stars as a medical student and Tom Hulce plays his brother who is helping to pay his sibling's way through school. Ends at 5.55.

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites
6.15am The Lady is a Square (1956): A widow enlists the help of a pop star to keep her husband's orchestra going. Starring Anna Neagle, Frankie Vaughan and Anthony Newley
8.15 The Tales of Beatrix Potter (1971): Dancers from the Royal Ballet perform an interpretation of the classic tales
10.15 Nothing Lasts Forever (1988): Bizarre comedy starring Dan Aykroyd
12.00 World Entertainment Report
12.50pm Road Raiders (1989): A plane full of misfits crashes into Japanese-occupied territory. Starring Bruce Boxleitner
2.25 I Wanna Hold Your Hand (1978): Several New Jersey teenagers travel to New York to see the Beatles
4.15 Yogi's Great Escape: Animated fun with Yogi and friends
6.15 Deadly Game (1988): Christopher Collett stars as a high school student who creates an armed nuclear device
8.15 Short Circuit 2 (1988): A robot sets out to explore the world
10.05 Spotlight
10.30 After Midnight (1989): Four friends take turns to tell the most frightening stories
12.05am Shirley Valentine (1989): Pauline Collins stars as a bored housewife who takes off for the sun on a soul-searching mission where she finds romance in the form of Tom Conti
1.55 Fright Night II (1988): Revenge, vampire-style, comes to the young hero of the first film. Starring Roddy McDowall
3.40 The Prince of Pennsylvania (1988): A young man tries to find himself, with the help of the father. Ends at 5.10

SKY SPORTS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
9.00am Motor World **9.30** Sky Soccer Weekend **10.30** Power Hour Wrestling **11.30** Australian Rugby League **1.30pm** WWF Wrestling Challenge **3.00** US Open Tennis: live from New York **10.00** Ringside **12.00** US Open Tennis

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
8.00am Athletics: Live from Tokyo **1.00pm** International Motorsport **2.00** Surf **2.30** Golf European Open **4.30** Mountainbike World Cup **5.00** Athletics **6.30** International Motorsport **7.30** Golf European Open **9.00** Athletics highlights **10.00** Athletics: live

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
1.20am Johnnie Walker Golf Report **1.30** Fight Night at the Forum **3.00** Major League Baseball **5.00** World Snooker Classics **7.00** Inside Track **8.00** International Triathlon **8.30** Gillette World Sport Special **9.00** Bodybuilding **10.00** Motor Sport: Nascar **11.00** Motor Sport: Indy Car **12.00** Stop USWA Wrestling **1.00pm** Argentina Soccer **2.00** Motor Sport **2.30** ATRO/IBM Tennis Tour **4.00** American Football **5.00** Action Auto **5.30** Pro Superbike **6.00** Powersports International **7.00** Handball **9.00** Motor Sport **10.00** Ice Hockey

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00 Anne Oakley **12.30pm** Smothers Brother **1.00** Three for the Road **1.55** Burkes Law **2.50** Spain Spain Holiday **3.05** Roller Derby **4.00** Search for Tomorrow **5.00** The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme **8.00** Close **10.00** Satellite Jukebox

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Paul McKenna (FM only until 6.00am) **7.00** The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** Be My Baby: The Ronnie Spector Story. Richard Skinner talks to Ronnie Spector, lead singer of the Sixties group The Ronettes, about her marriage to Phil Spector and the subsequent depression and alcoholism she overcame before attempting to re-launch her career **3.00** The Saturday Sequence with Richard Skinner **7.00** Saturday Rock Show with Alan Freeman **10.00** In Concert: The Four Brothers. Recorded at the Town and Country Club (r) **11.00** John Peel (FM only after 12.00) **2.00am-4.00** Neale James (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Alex Lester The Early Show **6.00** Graham Knight **8.05** Ronnie Hilton Sounds of the Fifties **9.00** Brian Matthew Sounds of the Sixties **10.00** Anne Robinson **12.00** Gerald Harper **1.30pm** Boo Holness Requests the Pleasure **2.00** Ed Stewart **4.00** Kenny Ball Bandshow **4.30** Barbershop Style: Graham Knight looks at the history of barbershop singing **5.00** Cinema 2 with Charles Nove **5.30** Music By.. John Barry: Ron Pickard interviews film composer John Barry and features examples of his work **6.00** Country Meets Folk: featuring Wally Whyton, the Clancy Brothers and Brian Brocklehurst (r) **7.00** Two From The Fringe **7.30** Sounds of the Sixties (r) **9.30** Easy Does It **10.00** The Radio 2 Arts Programme with Sheridan Morley **12.05am** Brian Matthew Sounds of the Sixties **1.00** Colin Berry with Night Ride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am World Service. News and 24 Hours **6.30** Morning Edition, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00** News: Sport **9.00** On Your Marks World Athletics Special, incl **10.00, 11.00, 12.00** News, Sport **12.45pm** Sportscall: Phone-in quiz with Danny Baker. Today's prize is two tickets to the St Leger **1.30** Sport on 5, incl Football second-half commentary; Golf GA European Open; Tennis, updates from the US Open, Athletics **5.00** Sports Report **6.00** News; As Radio 4 **7.10** Cricket Scoreboard **7.15** Box 13: Royalties and the Ruthy. Vintage radio drama with Alan Ladd as Dan Holiday, a mystery writer in search of adventure **7.45** As Radio 4 **10.00** Sport **10.15** As Radio 4 **11.00** Sport **11.15** Fanshawe On Five: at the Edinburgh Festival (r) **12.00-12.15am** News and Sport **12.15am** Close

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **5.30am** The World Today **5.45** News headlines in English and French **5.47** British Press Review **5.52** World Business Report **6.57** Travel and Weather news **6.00** World News **6.09** 24 Hours **6.30** Londres Matin **6.59** Weather **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Meridian **8.00** World News **8.09** 24 Hours: News Summary **8.30** From the Weeklies **8.45** English Sonntagmittag **9.00** World News **9.09** World of Faith **9.15** A Jolly Good Show **10.00** World News **10.05** Waveguide **10.15** World brief **10.30** Personal View **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News Summary **11.15** Letterbox **11.30** Londres Midi **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** World News **1.09** News About Britain **1.15** Multitrack 3 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News Summary **3.01** Sportsworld **4.00** World News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News and Features in German **4.59** Travel News **5.00** World and British News **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **6.14** Letter from America **6.29** News summary **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** German features **7.54** News in German **8.00** World News **8.05** Write On **8.15** Londres Derrière **8.30** Letterbox **8.45** From the Promo: second half **9.40** Words of Faith **9.45** From the Weeklies **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.05** Seaing Stars **11.20** Jazz for the Asking **11.50** Sports Roundup **12.00** World News **12.05am** Words of Faith **12.10** Book Choice **12.15** A Jolly Good Show **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Play of the week: A Man with Connections **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** The Law **4.00** World News **4.09** News about Britain **4.15** From our own Correspondent **4.35** Write On **4.45** News and features in German

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Animated Shorts **1.55** The A-Team **2.55-4.45** Film: Father Dear Father **5.05** Anglia News **5.20-5.30** Cartoon Time **12.55am** Vivid **1.25-2.30** Music Special

BORDER

As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** The Munsters Today **1.55** The Silk Road **2.50-4.45** Secret of the Incas **5.10** Border News **5.15-5.30** Cartoon Time **11.00** The Granada Match **11.55** Film: The Stud **1.45am** In Profile: Boy George/Susanne Hoff **2.00** The Hit Man and Her **4.00** CinemAttractions **4.30** America's Top Ten **5.05-5.30** Superboy

CENTRAL

As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** The Champions **1.55** The Spectacular World of Guinness Records **2.20** Cartoon Time **2.35-4.45** Film: The Assassination Bureau **5.15-5.30** Central Sports Special **12.55am** CinemAttractions **1.25** Film: The Bitch **3.10** America's Top Ten **3.40** NWA/WCW Pro Wrestling **4.45-5.30** Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA

As London except: **1.55pm** Film: Half a Sixpence **4.35-4.45** Cartoon **5.05** Granada News **5.10-5.30** Granada Goals Extra **11.00** The Granada Match **11.55** Film: The Stud **1.45am** In Profile: Boy George/Susanne Hoff **2.00** The Hit Man and Her **4.00** CinemAttractions **4.30** America's Top Ten **5.05-5.30** Superboy

HTV WEST

As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Press Your Luck **1.55** Kidnapped **3.50-4.45** The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams **5.05-5.30** HTV West News and Sport

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: **12.30pm-1.00** The Munsters Today **5.05** HTV Wales News and Sport **5.20-5.30** Cartoon Time

SCOTTISH

As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** My Secret Identity **2.15-4.45** Film: Three Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines (Sarah Miles, James Fox) **5.05** Scotland Today **5.20-5.30** Cartoon Time **11.00** Baker and Maguire at the Festival **12.00** Songs for Oscar **12.30am** The Making of Destination Docklands **1.15** Men **2.15** Film: Twinky (Charlee Bronson, Susan George) **4.10** Film: Account Rendered **5.20-5.30** Jobfinder

TSW

As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** The South West Week **5.05** TSW News **5.15-5.30** Cartoon Time **12.50am** Kojak **1.45** Pop Profile **2.00** The Hit Man and Her **4.00** CinemAttractions **4.30** America's Top Ten **5.05-5.30** Superboy

TVS

As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Blockbusters **1.55** The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams **2.50-4.45** Film: Hannibal Brooks **5.05** TVS News **5.15-5.30** Porky Pig

TYNE TEES

As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Peppino **5.10** Northern Life Sports Special **5.15-5.30** Cartoon Time **11.00** Kojak **11.55** Film: The Stud **1.45am** Boy George/Susanne Hoff — In Profile **2.00** The Hit Man and Her **4.00** CinemAttractions **4.30** America's Top Ten **5.05-5.30** Superboy

ULSTER

As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** The Intruders **5.05** Ulster Newstime **5.15-5.30** Cartoon Time **11.00** The Granada Match **11.55** Film: The Stud **2.00am** The Hit Man and Her **4.00** CinemAttractions **4.30** America's Top Ten **5.05-5.30** Superboy

YORKSHIRE

As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Held in Town **1.55** Soccer in the Seventies **2.25-4.45** Film: The 7th Dawn **5.05** Calendar News **5.15-5.30** Cartoon Time **12.50am** Jake and the Fat Man **1.50** Backstage **2.00** The Hit Man and Her **4.00** Special Squad **4.50** Short Story Theatre **5.20-5.30** Out of Limits

S4C

Starts: **8.00am** Comic Book **7.00** Crosstalk **7.30** High 5 **8.00** Trans World Sport **9.00** News Summary **9.05** C4 Racing **9.30** Slot Sadwrn **11.30** Australian Rules Football '91 **12.30pm** akinitysomething **1.00** Film: The Gay Sisters **3.05** Channel 4 Racing **5.10** Brookside **6.30** The Wonder Years **7.00** Newyddion **7.10** Gemau Heb Ffiniau **8.40** Ha-Ha! **8.55** Film: Lacombe Lucien **11.30** Frank's Place **12.00** Manhattan Cable **12.50am** The Oprah Winfrey Show **1.35** Diwedd

RTE 1

Starts: **11.20am** Rocky Hollow **11.25** Ducktales **11.50** The Minikins **12.20pm** Storybook International **12.40** CHiPs **1.35** Sign of the Times **2.05** News followed by The Disney Hour **3.00** Beyond 2000 **3.45** The Hunting of the Snark **4.15** Film: Strike Me Pink **6.00** The Angelus **6.01** News **6.15** The CARE Concert **7.05** Baywatch **7.55** John Player Tops **9.00** News **9.20** Up for the Match **10.40** Film: Amityville 3-D **12.20am** Late News **12.25** Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: **7.55am** Athletics from Tokyo **1.00pm** News **1.05** Sports Stadium **5.10** Charlie Chase **5.30** Compass **6.30** Death Valley Days **6.55** Nuacht **7.00** Wings Over the World **8.00** News **8.05** Film: The Great American Beauty Contest **9.30** Athletics from Tokyo **12.30am** Close

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University (FM only) **6.55** Weather; News
7.00 Morning Concert: Byrd, arr Gordon Jacob (The Bells); Barber (Adagio); Delius (In a Summer Garden)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Cowell (Saturday Night at the Firehouse: Milwaukee SO under Lukas Foss); Bernstein (Three Dance Episodes, On the Town); Ives (Central Park in the Dark); Hanson (Symphony No 2, Op 10)
8.35 BBC Scottish SO: under Alexander Gibson performs Haydn (Symphony No 49 in F minor, La Passione); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 27 in B flat, K 595
9.30 Record Release: Mozart (Symphony No 13 in F, K 112: Prague CO under Charles Mackerras); Janáček (String Quartet No 2, Intimate Letters: Lindsay Quartet); Liszt (Three Petrarch Sonnets, Années de pèlerinage, Book 2: Louis Lortie, piano); Handel (Orlando, Act One: Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood, with James Bowman, alto, Arleen Auger, soprano, Catherine Robbin, mezzo-soprano, Emma Kirkby, soprano, David Thomas, bass)
11.35 Chamber Music from Birmingham: Wolfgang Manz, piano, performs Beethoven (Piano Sonata No 30 in E, Op 109); Schoenberg (Three pieces for piano, Op 11); Debussy (Suite bergamasque); Prokofiev (Piano Sonata No 2 in D minor, Op 14) (r)
12.50pm Table Talk: Leslie Forbes talks to Oxford don Oswyn Murray (r)
1.00 News
1.05 Monserrat Caballé. The seventh of nine opera recordings made by the Spanish soprano. RCA Italiana Opera Chorus and Orchestra under Georges Prêtre perform Verdi's three-act opera *La traviata*, in which Caballé sings Violetta **1.40** Stephen Jay-Taylor talks about Caballé and the role of Violetta **1.45** Acts two and three
3.25 The Marvel of Our Century: In the first of two programmes Sophie Yates plays two Suites for harpsichord in D minor and A minor by Elizabeth Jacquet de la Guerre
4.05 Elgar and Glazunov: BBC Concert Orchestra under Ashley Lawrence performs Elgar (The Sanguine Fan); Glazunov (Scènes de Ballet, Op 52) (r)
5.00 Jazz Record Requests
5.45 Third Opinion with Christopher Cook. Includes a review of the play *Blue Angel* at Stratford and the film *Prospero's Books*
6.30 In the Footsteps of Brahms: Todd Crow, piano, performs Eugen d'Albert (Sonta in F sharp minor, Op 10); Brahms (Variations and Fugue on a Theme of Handel, Op 24) (r)
7.30 Proms 1991: Live from the Albert Hall, London. London Gabrieli Brass Ensemble under Christopher Larkin performs Cherubini (Pas redoublés and Marches for the Prussian Garrison of Paris); Félicien David (Nonet in C minor) **8.00** Frank Whitford considers Weimar's role in Germany's artistic life (r) **8.20** London Philharmonic Choir, Brighton Festival Chorus, London Philharmonic under Klaus Tennstedt, with Jane Eaglen, soprano, Kathleen Kuhlmann, mezzo, Anthony Rolfe Johnson, tenor, John Tomlinson bass perform Beethoven (Symphony No 9 in D minor, Choral)
9.40 Anna
● CHOICE: As well as Elizabeth Parker's music, electronically created in the BBC Radiophonic Workshop, which weaves its way through John Gurney's verse sequence, there are good old sound-effects such as the roar of waves, crunch of snow, howl of wind, and beat of heart. This means your ears will be fully employed tonight. No respite for your mind's eye, either, because Gurney's text sends out a myriad of pictures, real and surreal, from the brain of a schizophrenic who has killed her child. Fiona Shaw, tonight's reader, finds a different voice for each of the woman's personalities
10.10 Violin Sonatas: Dmitry Sitkovetsky, Pavel Gililov, piano, perform Janácek (Sonata); Strauss (Sonata in E flat, Op 18); Prokofiev (Sonata No 1 in F minor, Op 80)
11.30 BBC SO under Peter Eötvös performs Peter Paul Nash (Symphony) (r)
12.00 News **12.05am** Close

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Week **6.50** Prayer for the Day with James Whitbourn **6.55** Weather **7.00** Today with Peter Hobday and Chris Lowe, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Sport on 4 with Cliff Morgan
9.30 Breakaway
10.00 News; At Last the Go On

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BBC 1

6.50 Open University: Education — The Bennett Report
7.15 World Athletics Championships. Desmond Lynam introduces the final day of competition from Tokyo. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **(7.40)** Men's 1,500m final; men's high jump final **(8.00)** Women's javelin final; **(8.15)** Women's 4 x 100m final; **(8.50)** Men's final; **(10.10)** Men's 4 x 400m final
10.30 Greenbelt. Last weekend Jill Dando took part in the Sunday morning open-air *communion* service which forms part of the annual Greenbelt arts festival near Castle Ashby in Northamptonshire
11.30 See Hear! The magazine series for the deaf and hard-of-hearing returns with an examination of the Deaf Broadcasting Council
12.00 Some Enchanted Evening. The role of a West End understudy (r)
12.30 Country File. John Craven with rural issues **12.55 Weather**
1.00 News followed by **Speaking Volumes.** Book reviews
1.45 Cartoons 2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus edition (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 Dallas: When the Wind Blows. (Ceefax)
3.45 Film: Midnight Lace (1960). Overblown psychological thriller in which Doris Day is cast against type as the American wife of a wealthy financier (Rex Harrison). Threatening phone calls convince her that her life is in danger but her pleas for help fall on deaf ears. Directed by David Miller
5.30 Cartoons
5.45 Safari UK: The Living Isles — Under the Plough. In the eighth of a ten-part series, Julian Pettifer examines the effects of farming on the countryside and its wildlife (r). (Ceefax)
6.25 News with Moira Stuart. Weather
6.40 Songs of Praise: Seedtime. Pam Rhodes joins the crowds for Seedtime, a one-day celebration of Christian faith in Staffordshire (Ceefax)
7.15 Keeping up Appearances. The return of Roy Clarke's comedy, *starring Patricia Routledge* as the snobbish Hyacinth Bucket. (Ceefax)
7.45 Bread. A new series of the Liverpudlian comedy about the penny-pinching Boswells. Starring Jean Boht. (Ceefax)
8.15 Trainer: A Racing Certainty.
● CHOICE: *Trainer* is a horse racing drama sired by *Howards' Way* out of Dick Francis. From *Howards' Way* it inherits producer/deviser Gerard Glaister, Nigel Davenport as a rough diamond millionaire and one-dimensional acting. Francis fans will be at home with the racetrack skulduggery and the young bachelor hero. Episode one takes time to lay out its stall but essentially we have a tale of power, lust and ambition spun around the attempt of Mike Hardy (Mark Greenstreet) to become a top trainer. This may not be easy. Mike has a drink problem and he also has a problem with nasty, lip-curling Hugo (Patrick Ryecart), who has a gambling problem. The roles of Susannah York's rich widow, and of David McCallum, as another character who likes a flutter, have yet to be defined. The bet is that *Trainer* will follow *Howards' Way* in another respect and be panned by the critics while pulling in viewers by the million. (Ceefax)
9.10 News with Martyn Lewis. Weather

Decline and fall of the East Cheam donor: Alfred Molina (9.25pm)

9.25 Screen One: Hancock.
● CHOICE: William Humble's drama follows the decline and fall of Tony Hancock from the peak of his career with *The Blood Donor* to his suicide in Australia. Humble has based his screenplay on the excellent biography by David Nathan and Hancock's widow, Freddie. For readers of the book the content will be familiar, though the pain comes across even more sharply. The comedian is presented as a figure tragically adrift, trying to escape what he saw as the parochial shackles of East Cheam but unable to make it as an international star. Whether the heavy drinking was cause or effect is a nice point. The piece is dominated by a wonderful performance from Alfred Molina, who captures the essence of Hancock, the resigned voice, the frogilke face, the hunched walk, without ever tipping over into caricature. Frances Barber contributes a vivid portrait of the suffering Freddie. (Ceefax)
11.25 Everyman: A Life on Trial. A portrait of Casey Cohen, a California investigator, who tries to save convicted murderers from the death penalty (r)
12.05am Mahabharat (r). Wales: Business Matters **12.45 Weather**

BBC 2

6.35 Open University: The View from Moscow **7.00** Industrial Strife **7.25** Calculus — The Directional Derivative **7.50** Cars and Corrosion **8.15** Everyday Violence **8.40** Photosynthesis — The First Nanosecond **9.05** Motion in a Circle **9.30** The Mariner 9 Code **9.55** Arts — King Cotton's Palace **10.20** Biology — Problems with Ions **10.45** Maths — Modelling Cranes **11.10** Open Forum **11.35** Frontiers of Geology
12.00 English Romantic Poets in Italy. The relationship between poets Byron and Shelley
12.25 English Whose English? The relationship between English literature and the Empire at the turn of the century
12.50 Holiday Outings: Hungary. Eamoon Holmes samples a motoring holiday in Hungary (r)
1.00 Care in the Community. Alternatives to hospital care for the mentally ill (r)
1.25 Sunday Grandstand. Introduced by Desmond Lynam. Including at **1.30, 5.00 World Athletics Championships.** Highlights of the final day of competition from Tokyo, the closing ceremony, and a review of the past nine days **2.30 Motor Sport.** Round 12 of the British Formula 3 championships **3.00 Golf.** Highlights of the final round of the European Open from Walton Heath
5.00 This Is Your Life. Ralph Edwards introduces the first British edition of the show he made famous in the United States. It was transmitted in July 1955 (r)
6.30 One Man and His Dog. Phil Drabble introduces the finals of the BBCtv International Sheepdog Championship from Bassenthwaite in Cumbria. Julie Deptford from Scotland with Gwen competes against Welshman Colin Gordon with Meg in the singles, who also faces Stuart Davidson in the braces final
7.15 Wildlife Classics: Okavango — Jewel of the Kalahari. The second of a three-part documentary on the wildlife which inhabits the African oasis where the Okavango River meets the Kalahari (r). (Ceefax)
8.10 *The Last Days of Leningrad*: The Return to St Petersburg. In June this year the citizens of Russia's former capital voted to readopt their city's historic title of St Petersburg. This is a portrait of the last hours before the historic referendum
9.00 The Last Days of Leningrad: 600 Seconds of 600 Seconds. A profile of Alexander Nevzorov, who presents Leningrad's frantic daily news programme *600 Seconds*, which is featured on BBC2 later this week. (Ceefax)
9.10 John Sessions's Tall Tales: The Toy Shop. The last of six one-man plays, written and performed by John Sessions. A toy shop assistant deals with an unusual customer (r)
9.35 Golf. Steve Rider introduces highlights of the final round in the European Open from Walton Heath. With commentary by Peter Alliss, Bruce Critchley, Alex Hay, Clive Clark and Mike Hughesdon

Extra-terrestrial mystery: Benionis and Bondarchuk (10.15pm)

10.15 Moviedrome: Solaris (1972). Alex Cox continues the season of cult films with Russian director Andrei Tarkovsky's science-fiction adventure in which a psychologist experiences hallucinations when he is sent to investigate mysterious events on a space station orbiting a remote planet. The film is visually arresting but often obscure and a very long haul. Starring Natalya Bondarchuk, Doriatas Benionis, Anatoli Solonitsin and Yuri Jarvet, in Russian with English subtitles. Ends at **1.05am**

ITV

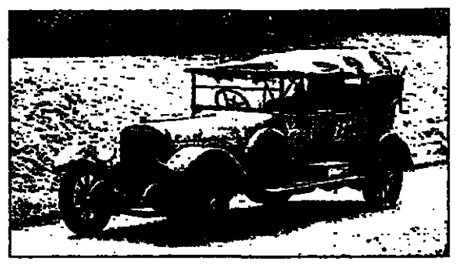
6.00 TV-am
9.25 Disney Club. The children's entertainment programme returns with more cartoons, guests and special features. Today's guest is Sonia who sings her new single "Be Young, Be Happy". Presented by Andrea Boardman, John Eccleston and Paul Hendy
10.45 Link. Peter White talks to Richard Wood, director of the British Council of Organisations of Disabled People. With signing and *subtitles*
11.00 Morning Worship from All Saints Church in Telford, Shropshire
12.00 The Human Factor: The Punchin' Preacher. In the first programme of a new series, Peter Williams talks to George Foreman, the former world heavyweight boxing champion, about his beliefs and his career
12.25 Way of the Lakes. Tony Warburton continues his journey around the Cumbrian Lake District **12.55 LWT News** and weather
1.00 ITN News with Sue Carpenter. Weather
1.10 Breadline Britain: The Bottom Line. The last in the series on poverty in Britain examines help for the poor (r)
1.40 Film: El Dorado (1966). Director Howard Hawks with a partial re-make of his classic Western, *Rio Bravo*. Gunfighter John Wayne arrives in the town of El Dorado to take part in a local range war and is greeted by his old friend Robert Mitchum, the drunken sheriff

Walter Cronkite examines our prehistoric friends (4.00pm)

4.00 Dinosaur! The Tale of a Tooth.
● CHOICE: A four-part trip into prehistory signals its intentions by casting its host, the veteran American newsman Walter Cronkite, as a kindly old uncle telling a story to a small boy. This is a series for the whole family, not least the children, and it is pitched accordingly. The message is that dinosaurs are fun, a proposition endorsed by one of the show's many academic experts who looks like the comic relief in a Western. Cronkite constructs a solid narrative around such pioneers as the Briton, Richard Owen, who came up with the name dinosaur 150 years ago, but the programme wears its learning lightly. Whenever the going threatens to get tough, Cronkite leaves the experts to mull over their 150 million-year-old bones and calls in the cinema's ace monster-maker, Ray Harryhausen, or a man who builds dinosaurs from the parts of smashed-up Cadillacs and Chevrolets
5.00 The London Match. Jim Rosenthal presents highlights of a top first division game, with commentary by Alan Parry
6.00 Bullseye. Jim Bowen hosts a new series of the darts and general knowledge quiz game. Bob Anderson throws for charity
6.30 ITN News with Sue Carpenter. Weather **6.35 LWT News** and weather
6.40 Highway: The Tall Ships. Sir Harry Secombe starts a new series in Belfast where he joins the competitors in the Cutty Sark Tall Ships race. Who should he bump into but American television reporter Walter Cronkite (see *Dinosaur!* above). (Oracle)
7.15 You've Been Framed! Jeremy Beadle introduces the funniest home videos from the past series (r)
7.45 Family of Spies. The first of a two-part mini series, based on the true story of the Russian spy John Walker, a former US submarine communications officer, whose extensive spy network included family and friends. Part two can be seen tomorrow at 8pm. Starring Powers Boothe and Lesley Ann Warren. (Oracle)
9.45 ITN News with Sue Carpenter. Weather **10.00 LWT Weather**
10.05 Film: The Tenth Man (1989). Wartime drama, adapted from the novel by Graham Greene. Anthony Hopkins stars as a wealthy Parisian lawyer, due to be shot at dawn by the Nazis, who bribes a fellow prisoner to take his place. After the war he returns to his village where he falls in love with the dead man's sister (Kristin Scott Thomas). Directed by Jack Gold. (Oracle)
11.50 The ITV Chart Show (r)
12.55am New Music. Celebrity interviews and pop videos
1.55 Film: Blood of the Vampire (1958). Gory horror film about a doctor in 1880 Transylvania who is executed for being a vampire. Brought back to life, he becomes a doctor at a prison for the criminally insane. Directed by Henry Cass
3.30 Hudson Confidential. Phillip Hodson investigates child abuse
4.00 Police Precinct. French police drama series
5.00 Soap. More domestic mishaps with the Tate and Campbell households. Starring Diana Canova and Jimmy Baio (r)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson. Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport 7.00 Eureka's Castle. Cartoons **7.30 Alfred J. Kwak 8.00 Sharky and George 8.30 Kelly.** The adventures of two children and a police dog **8.55 Kid 'n' Play.** Cartoon
9.25 The Sword of Tipu Sultan. Indian historical drama series in Hindustani with English subtitles
10.00 Dispatches: Thinking of the Soldier. A documentary on the hidden casualties of war, the men whose psychological scars *leave them unable to lead normal lives (r) 10.45 Dennis.* Cartoon
11.00 Owl TV. Michaela Strachan hosts the children's wildlife and environmental series (r). (Teletext)
11.30 The Lone Ranger: Trouble in Town (b/w) Classic Western adventure with the masked avenger (John Hart)
12.00 The Waltons: The Threshold. American series set in West Virginia during the Depression. Rose (Peggy Rea) goes on a diet
1.00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea: The X Factor. Fifties science-fiction adventure series. A top scientist is kidnapped
2.00 Film: Sweetheart of the Campus (1941, b/w) Minor Busby Berkeley musical starring Ruby Keeler in her last film role as a dancer who helps band leader Ozzie Nelson and singer Harriet Hilliard to save a college from closure. Directed by Edward Dmytryk
3.15 Gaelic Games: All Ireland Hurling Final. Michael Lyster introduces Kilkenny v Tipperary, live from Croke Park, Dublin
5.05 News Summary and weather
5.10 Family Pride. Asian drama series Anita (Anjuu Misra) and Melissa (Emma Davies) plan for their big day.
5.40 Film: The Three Stooges — Hold That Lion (b/w) Madcap comedy as the trio find themselves on a speeding train in the company of a ferocious lion, while trying to apprehend a villain who has stolen their uncle's inheritance
6.00 The Absolute Beginner's Guide to American Football. Prior to the start of the new season later this evening, Mick Luckhurst and Gary Imlach explain the basic rules of the game
6.30 The Cosby Show: Cliff La Douce. American comedy with the Huxtable family. While the women are away . Cliff (Bill Cosby) babysits
7.00 Equinox: The Falls. A portrait of one of the natural wonders of the world, the Niagara Falls, a symbol of danger, power and beauty and now, sadly, pollution (Teletext)



Classic cars under the hammer: a 1921 Sunbeam (8.00pm)

8.00 Classic Cars: Autojumble.
● CHOICE: Old car enthusiasts converge on Lord Montagu's Beaulieu to scavenge what they can from the world's biggest automotive jumble sale. The event may be presented as amateur, eccentric and therefore very British, but one person's rusting heap is another's prize possession. A 1936 SS Jaguar, completely rotted, fetches £24,500 at auction and will cost twice that much to restore. Even a tatty Vauxhall Viva, not one of the world's great cars, has acquired classic status. Some patrons come not for whole cars but bits of cars, haggling over headlamps, differing over differentials and relishing an entire stall devoted to (wait for it) discontinued oil seals. Future programmes, in what promises to be a diverting series, will look at classics from Italy and the United States and evoke Britain's golden age of motoring in the Fifties and Sixties. (Teletext)
8.30 American Football. Mick Luckhurst hosts the tenth year of American football coverage, beginning with the Philadelphia Eagles v the Green Bay Packers and the Browns v Dallas
10.00 Film: Speaking Parts (1989). Director Atom Egoyan's complex drama explores the video-dominated interrelationships of two women and their infatuation with an actor, offering parallels with Steven Soderbergh's *sex, lies and videotape*. Starring Michael McManus, Arsinee Khanjian and Gabrielle Rose. (Teletext)
11.45 The Street: Check Up from the Neck Up. American police drama. Runyon (Ron Ryan) is ordered to report to the police psychiatrist
12.15am Fontamara. Third of a four-part drama series set in a poor Italian village in Mussolini's early years. In Italian with English subtitles. Ends at **1.10**

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.30pm-12.55 Farming Diary 1.10 Goals Galore 1.35 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 2.00 1991 UK Triathlon Championship 3.00-4.00 Highway to Heaven 5.00 Off the Peg 5.30-6.00 Heirloom 11.50-12.55am Yangtzee Adventure

BORDER
As London except: 12.30pm-12.55 Gardening Time 1.10 Border 30 1.20 The Borderers 1.50 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 2.15 Film: The Old Man and the Sea 5.00 Scotsport 6.00-6.30 Love 30 11.50 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.45am Quiz Night 1.15 Police Precinct 2.20 Books By My Bedside 2.50 Film: The Iron Maiden 4.35 The ITV Chart Show 5.25-5.30 Jobs

CENTRAL
As London except: 12.30pm-12.55 Gardening Time 1.10 1991 Biggin Hill International Air Fair 2.10-4.00 Film: Mysterious Island 5.00 Action Replay 5.05-6.00 Magnum PI 11.50 Prisoner Cell Block H 12.45am Film: Man of Boys' Town 2.45 The ITV Chart Show 3.45 The Concert 4.40-5.30 Jobs

GRANADA
As London except: 12.25pm-1.00 Young Up Front 1.10 The Wonderful World of Disney 2.00-4.00 Film: Black Jack 5.00 Bullseye 5.30-6.30 Coronation Street 11.50 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.45am Quiz Night 1.15 Police Precinct 2.20 Books By My Bedside 2.50 Film: The Iron Maiden 4.35 The ITV Chart Show 5.25 to 5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.30pm-12.55 Survival — The First 30 Years 1.10 Heidi 2.00 HTV Newsweek 2.30-4.00 Big City 5.00-6.00 The Big Fish 10.05 Film: The Tenth Man 11.50 The ITV Chart Show 12.55am New Music 1.55 Blood of the Vampire 3.30 Hudson Confidential 4.00 Police Precinct 5.00-5.30 Soap

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 2.00-2.30pm Farming Wales

TSW
As London except: 12.30pm-12.55 TSW Farming Week 1.10 The Middle Years 1.15 Off the Hook 1.45 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 2.15-4.00 Film: The Brave Don't Cry 5.00-6.00 Coronation Street 11.50 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.45am Quiz Night 1.15 Police Precinct 2.20 Books By My Bedside 2.50 Film: The Iron Maiden 4.35 The ITV Chart Show 5.25-5.30 TSW Jobfinder

TVS
As London except: 12.33pm-1.00 Jack Thompson Down Under 1.10 An Englishman's Home 1.55-4.00 Women of Straw 5.00-6.00 The A-Team 11.55 The Human Factor 12.25am Coast to Coast People 12.55 New Music 1.55 Film: Blood of the Vampire 3.30 Hudson Confidential 4.00 Police Precinct 5.00-5.30 Soap

TYNE TEES
As London except: 12.25pm-1.00 Reebok National Aerobic Championship 1.10 Highway to Heaven 2.10 The Back Page 2.40-4.00 Cricket 5.00 Bullseye 5.30-6.30 Coronation Street 11.50 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.45am Quiz Night 1.15 Police Precinct 2.20 Books By My Bedside 2.50 The Iron Maiden 4.35 The ITV Chart Show 5.25-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER
As London except: 12.30pm-12.55 Gardening Time 1.10 American Century 2.05 Make It Pay 2.35 Farming Ulster 3.05-4.00 Murder, She Wrote 5.00 Bullseye 5.30-6.30 Coronation Street 11.50 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.45am Quiz Night 1.15 Police Precinct 2.20 Books By My Bedside 2.50 The Iron Maiden 4.35 The ITV Chart Show 5.20-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.25pm Goals on Sunday 12.50-1.00 Calendar News 1.10-4.00 Cricket — The Scarborough Festival 5.00-6.00 Cricket — The Scarborough Festival 6.35-6.40 Calendar News 11.50 Speedway 12.50am The Munsters Today 1.20 The ITV Chart Show 2.20 Stephen King's This Is Horror 2.45 The Forum Presents 3.40 The Chef's Apprentice 4.10 Love, American Style 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C
Starts: 9.25am The Adventures of Tintin 9.30 Owl TV 10.00 Dispatches 10.45 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea 11.45 Painted Tales 12.00 The Waltons 12.55pm The Three Stooges 1.20 Pete Smith Specialities 1.30 Europe Express 2.00 Fragile Earth 3.00 Hurling 3.15 Gaelic Games 5.05 The World of the Beaver 6.00 American Football 6.30 The Marshall Chronicles 7.00 Newyddion 7.05 Saith Ar Y Sul 7.20 O Vaughan I Fynny 8.10 Hal Straeon 8.40 Dechrau Canu Dechreuwch 9.10 Troeon 9.50 Ar Derlyn Dydd 10.00 American Football 11.30 She-Play 11.45 The Street 12.15am Fontamara 1.10 Diwedd

RTE 1
Starts: 12.00 Mass 12.45pm Crusade in the Pacific 1.15 Conservation of the Southern Rain Forest 2.10 News followed by National Selection 2.40 Little House on the Prairie 3.30 Ronan on the Road 4.00 Film: Shine on Harvest Moon 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One Sunday 6.30 Disney Cartoon 6.45 Torch 7.15 Adventures of the Black Stallion 7.40 The Wonder Years 8.05 Murder She Wrote 9.00 News 9.20 Film: Alvarez Kelly 11.20 Late News 11.25 Close

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 *Morning Concert*: Marin Marais (Sonnerie de Sainte Geneviève du Mont à Paris); Ravel (Entre Cloches); Bach, arr Grainger (Blithe Bells); Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 2 in F)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Fauré (Rêve d'amour, Op 5 No 2; Après un rêve; Hymne); Schubert (Rondo in A); Haydn (Symphony No 101, The Clock)
8.30 News
8.35 Maestro de' Concerti: Friends and Admirers. Vivaldi (Sonata in A "fatto per il Maestro Pisendel", RV 29); Bach (Concerto in F); Vivaldi, arr Pisendel (Sinfonia in B flat, RV 162); Corette (Psalm 148: Laudate Dominum)
9.15 Violin bel Canto: The fifth of six programmes of Alfredo Campoli's recorded legacy. Beethoven (Violin Concerto in D: RPO under Pritchard); Sarasate (Zigeunerweisen Op 20: LPO under Gamba)
10.15 Prom Talk: With James O'Donnell, Paul Hindmarsh, Semyon Bychkov and Seiji Ozawa. Presented by Anthony Burton
10.45 A Modest Profession: Penultimate programme in the series charting the career of the conductor Antal Dorati. Dvořák (Overture in Nature's Realm, Op 91); Tchaikovsky (*Sleeping Beauty*: excerpts); Haydn (Autumn and Winter, *The Seasons*)
12.35pm Replay: James Stephens on James Joyce, first broadcast in 1946
1.00 News
1.05 Your Concert Choice: Glière (Concerto for coloratura soprano: Joan Sutherland, soprano, with the LSO under Richard Bonynge); Haydn (String Quartet in D, Op 76 No 5: Talich String Quartet): Chopin (Variations on "La, ci darem la mano" Op 2); Puccini (Vissi d'arte from *Tosca*: Ljuba Welitsch, soprano, and the Philharmonia under Susskind); Menotti (Ballet Suite: Sebastian: NBC SO under Stokowski
2.30 Wolf: Italian song book, with Ruth Ziesack, soprano, Ulrich Eisenlor and Rudolf Jansen, piano, and Andreas Schmidt, baritone
3.30 Poet of the Month: The Gaelic poet Sorley Maclean talks to Joy Hendry
4.10 *BBC PO, conducted by* Edward Downes, with Ernst Kovacic, violin, performs Gerhard (Violin Concerto; Concerto for orchestra
5.15 Opera News
6.00 The North German Organ: Secular variations by the early Baroque keyboard virtuoso Samuel Scheidt, played on the organ at Westerhausen by Graham Barber (Variations on a Galliard by Dowland; Cantilena Angelica fortunae; Fantasia "Io son ferito lasso"; Est-ce Mars)
6.45 Suk Quartet performs Hofstetter, attrib Haydn (Quartet in G, Op 3 No 3) and Kopelent (Quartet No 5) (r)
7.30 Proms 1991: From the Albert Hall, London. Philippe Bianconi, piano, and the Orchestre de Paris under Semyon Bychkov perform Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 5 in E flat, Emperor)
8.10 *The Protective Mask of Buffoonery*: Eric Rosebery considers Mahler's influence on Shostakovich (r)
8.30 The Orchestre de Paris, with support from the City of Paris, perform Shostakovich (Symphony No 10)
9.30 Sunday Play: The Cure at Troy
● CHOICE: Seamus Heaney's version of Sophocles's *Philoctetes* was written for the stage but sounds tailor-made for radio, because here, rivetingly, is poetry made flesh. And as if the combination of Sophocles and Heaney wasn't enough, there is a first-division, all-Irish cast: Stephen Rea as the pain-wracked castaway of Lemnos, Brendan Gleeson as his manipulated saviour Neoptolemus, Ian McElhinney as the manipulator Odysseus, and Anna Healy as Chorus and, unmistakably, Heaney's spokesperson
10.45 De Saram Clarinet Trio performs McCabe (Sonata for clarinet, cello and piano); Henze (Capriccio for solo cello); Lutyens (Trio, Op 135, 1979)
11.25 Dutch Chamber Music: L'Ecole d'Orphée performs David Petersen (Sonata No 5 in G minor); Schenk (Sonatina No 5 in A; Capriccio No 6 in C); de Konink (Suite in G) (r)
12.00-12.05am News

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News; Weather **6.10** Prelude: A selection of music **6.30** News; Morning Has Broken **6.55** Weather **7.00** News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** The Living World **7.40** Sunday, incl **8.00** News **8.10** Sunday Papers **8.50** Week's Good Cause: Sir Harry Secombe speaks on behalf of HGG, a charity which helps people who suffer from hypogammaglobulinaemia **8.55** Weather
9.00 News **9.10** Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service from Christ Church, Bromley, Kent (s)
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus edition
11.15 News Stand
11.30 Pick of the Week with Hilton Fyle (s) (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: The castaway this week is the architect and musician Maxwell Hutchinson (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 *The World This Weekend* ***1.55*** Shipping Forecast
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: The team visits Gloucestershire
2.30 Sunday Playhouse: Abandoned. Jonathon Smith's story concentrates on an episode in the life of the French sculptor Rodin (s) (r)
4.00 News; Arthur: the King. The fifth of a seven-part dramatisation about the Knights of the Round Table (s) (r)
4.47 Time for Verse: Carol Ann Duffy, Simon Rae and Fred D'Aguiar judge BBC Radio's Poetry Competition (s)
5.00 News; Coastline: Cliff Michelmore continues his journey along the coast of North Wales (2 of 3) (s)
5.40 First Person: Daft as a Brush. Sally Vincent bristles at her brush-making ancestors **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News
6.15 Feedback: With Chris Dunkley of *The Financial Times* (r)
6.30 Murder Most Foul
● CHOICE: This has to be the bloodiest half-hour of your radio week. If you can't bear the thought of severed organs and limbs ("disarticulation" was the euphemism used in court) or contemplate enough bloodshed to make the gory bits of *Macbeth* seem anaemic by comparison, you are better off not listening to John Scotney's reconstruction of the 1935 trial of Dr Buck Ruxton for murdering his wife. There was, of course, no other way for Scotney to tell his horrible story about the killer GP. You can't make an omelette without cracking eggs . . . (r)
7.00 In Business: The Bank That Likes to Say Ja (r)
7.30 A Good Read: Edward Blishen invites Joe Simpson and Stephen Venables to talk about four favourite paperbacks (s) (r)
8.00 Punters: Listeners report on a variety of issues
8.40 Reading Aloud: Poets. John Gielgud reads from E. F. Benson's *As We Were* which gives an insight into the appointment of the Poet Laureate (s) (r)
9.00 News; Enquire Within: Dilly Barlow tackles questions sent in by listeners (s) (r)
9.15 The Natural History Programme: Fergus Keeling and Jessica Holm take a trip into Conan Doyle's *Lost World* of the pterosaur (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Greenham Women, Greenham Men: Jenni Mills considers how the ten-year-old protest for peace has changed the individual lives of women and men involved in the Greenham movement (s) (r)
11.00 Antony Hopkins Talking About Music: Antony Hopkins considers a wide variety of music, deriving his topics from forthcoming Promenade concerts (5 of 7) (s) (r)
11.30 Seeds of Faith: Last of the series in which John Coutts looks at the spiritual meditation of four noted journal writers (s)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather; **12.33** Shipping Forecast

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;FM 97.6-99.8. Radio 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/ 247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. World Service: MW 648kHz/463m. Radio Clyde (Glasgow): 1152kHz/261m; FM 102.5. Radio Forth (Edinburgh): 1548kHz/194m; FM 97.3.

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Bailey's Bird 6.30 Castaway 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 Hour of Power 12.00 That's Incredible 1.00pm The New Adventures of Wonder Woman 2.00 American Wrestling 3.00 Those Amazing Animals 4.00 The Love Boat 5.00 Hey Dad 5.30 Hart to Hart 6.30 The Simpsons 7.00 21 Jump Street 8.00 Crossings 10.00 Falcon Crest 11.00 Entertainment Tonight 12.00 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Sky News Sunrise 5.30 Target 6.00 Sky News Sunrise 9.30 Sky News Dayline 10.30 Those Were The days 11.00 Sky News Dayline 11.30 Holiday Destinations 12.00 Sky News 12.30pm The National Gallery 1.00 Sky News 1.30 Target 2.00 Sky News 2.30 Roving Report 3.00 Sky News 3.30 The National Gallery 4.00 Sky News 4.30 Those Were The Days 5.00 Live At Five 6.00 Sky News 6.30 Roving Report 7.00 Sky World News Tonight 7.30 The National Gallery 8.00 Sky World News 8.30 Target 9.00 Sky World News Tonight 10.30 Roving Report 11.00 Sky World News Tonight 11.30 The National Gallery 12.00 Sky World News Tonight 12.30am Target 1.00 Sky Newswatch 1.30 The National Gallery 2.00 Sky Newswatch 2.30 Those Were The Days 3.00 Sky Newswatch 3.30 Holiday Destinations 4.00 Sky Newswatch 4.30 Health Circuit

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase, incl at 8.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 California Girls (1985): A young man has an affair when he travels to California
10.00 The Woo Woo Kid (1987): Based on the true story of Sonny Wisecarver, a present day Romeo
12.00 Trading Hearts (1988): Comedy about an ex-baseball star's attempts to win the woman of his dreams
2.00 Ghost Chase (1988): A teenager discovers the ghost of his grandfather's dead butler in his attic
4.00 Jesse (1988): Based on the true story of a nurse in a remote part of America put on trial for practising without a licence
6.00 The House on Carroll Street (1988). During the McCarthy era a young woman uncovers a secret government conspiracy that endangers her life
7.40 Projector
9.00 Bertrand Runner (1986): A policeman of the future seeks revenge for his brother's death
10.00 Roadhouse (1989): Patrick Swayze stars as a martial arts expert hired by a small-town bar to eject trouble-makers
11.55 House III — The Horror Show (1989): A mass murderer vows revenge on the detective who captured him
1.40am The Blob (1988): Updated version of the 1958 original about a government experiment gone drastically wrong
4.00 Running on Empty (1989): A couple on the run cross America. Ends at 5.50

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am Adventures of Gerard (1970): Comedy about a foolish officer who becomes a stooge for Napoleon
8.15 The Big Knife (1955): Jack Palance, Ida Lupino and Shelley Winters star in a drama about Hollywood hierarchy
10.15 The Black Scorpion (1957) Horror story about a brood of huge scorpions
12.15pm Missing Link (1988): Pseudo-documentary following the final days of a mythical creature
2.15 Lafayette Escadrille (1958): Clint Eastwood and Tab Hunter star in the story of a young boy who runs away to join the French Foreign Legion
4.15 Columbo: Murder — A Self Portrait (1990): Peter Falk stars as the detective whose looks belie his brains
6.15 The 'Burbs (1989): Tom Hanks stars as a nosey neighbour obsessed with discovering the secret of the sounds from next door's basement
8.15 Steel Magnolias (1989). Sally Field, Shirley Maclaine, Julie Roberts, Dolly Parton, Olympia Dukakis and Daryl Hannah star as six friends dealing with life
10.15 Checking Out (1989) An airline executive has a major attack of hypochondria after the sudden death of a friend
11.50 Sticky Fingers (1988): Two friends entrusted with a million dollars of Mob drug money cannot resist a shopping spree
1.20am Sweetheart's Dance (1988): A couple in love since high school begin to feel their affection for each other fraying
3.00 The Deceivers (1988): A British officer goes undercover in India. Ends at 4.50

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites
7.30am Australian Rules Football 9.30 Us Open Tennis 11.30 WWF Primetime Wrestling 1.00pm Refuge Assurance Cup Cricket 6.15 Us Open Tennis Live 8.00 Scottish Premier League Football 10.00 Italian League Football 12.00-3.00am Us Open Tennis

EUROSPORT
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites
7.00am Athletics World Championships from Tokyo 10.30 Mountain Bike 11.00 Athletics from Tokyo 1.00 Trans World Sport 2.00 Speedway World Championships from Sweden 3.00 European Open Golf 5.00 Highlights of the Athletics from Tokyo 6.30 Rowing World Championships from Vienna 8.00 European Open Golf 10.00 Athletics Highlights from Tokyo 11.00-12.00 Speedway World Championships

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite
12.00 Bodybuilding 1.00am Motor Sport 2.00 US Pro Box 3.30 US PGA Golf Tour 5.30 International Amateur Cycling 6.00 All Japan F 3000 Championships 7.00 Wide World of Sport 8.00 WPRO Superbike 8.30 Action Auto 9.00 International Speedway 10.00 Canada Cup Ice Hockey 12.00 Stop Surfing 12.50pm Pool Billiards world Championships 1.00 Inside Track 2.00 International Amateur Cycling 3.00 Diesel Jeans Superbike 4.00 Gol 5.15 Reve 5.45 Tele-Schuss '92 6.00 RAC British Rallycross 7.00 Handball Schlecker Cup 9.00 Weekend Live Motorsport 11.30-1.00am ATP/IBM Tennis Tour

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite
12.00 Annie Oakley 12.30pm The Smothers Brothers 1.00 Three for the Road 1.55 Burke's Law 2.50 Spain Spain International Cuisine 3.05 Roller Derby 4.00 Lifestyle Special: The Tony Awards 6.00 The Self-a-Vision Shopping Programme 10.00-5.00am Lifestyle Satellite Jukebox

MTV
● via the Astra satellite
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Paul McKenna (FM only until 6.00)7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show9.30 Dave Lee Travis 12.30pm Pick of the Pops 2.30 Philip Schofield Going Live 4.30 The Complete UK Top 40 with Mark Goodier 7.00 Anne Nightingale's Request Show 9.00 Andy Kershaw 11.00 John Peel (FM only after 12.00) 2.00am Neale James (FM only)

RADIO 2
FM Stereo4.00am David Allan with the Early Show 6.00 Graham Knight 7.30 Don Maclean 9.05 Richard Baker: Melodies for You 11.00 Desmond Carrington 2.00 Benny Green 3.00 Alan Dell, Sounds Easy 4.00 The Beautiful Ballad Years 4.30 Sing Something Simple 5.00 Dennis McCarthy 7.00 Music in Trust 8.00 Cantabile at the Mill 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour 9.00 Alan Keith: Your Hundred Best Tunes 10.00 Glen Campbell Presents the A-Z of Country Music 12.05am Seven Deadly Singsongs: Sloth 1.00 Colin Berry with Night Ride 3.00 A Little Light Music

RADIO 5
6.00am World Service: News and 24 Hours 6.30 Meridian Reports 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Sunday Edition with Barry Johnston, incl 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00, 10.00 News; Sport 10.30 Waterlines 11.00 News; Sport; Business on the Move: A 13-part series about the state of business around the nation 11.30 Motoring Madness 12.00 News and Sport 12.03pm Open University: Open Forum 12.22 Maths: Differential Equations 12.41 State and Society 1.00 News and Sport 1.03 Nuclear Proliferation 1.22 Social Science Foundation Course 1.41 Who

New Chief Rabbi calls for decade of renewal for Jews

By RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

JONATHAN Sacks, installed tomorrow as Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth, called yesterday for a "decade of renewal" in Judaism.

His choice of words, which mirror the Christian Decade of Evangelism, is significant in the context of Jewish assimilation into the secular community, since Jews also face attempts by some hardline evangelicals to convert them.

Dr Sacks spoke yesterday at a press conference at St John's Wood synagogue with his predecessor, Lord Jakobovits, of the need to address the problem of assimilation.

There are some 330,000 Jews in Britain, according to figures from sources including circumcision, burial and marriage records, but new figures to be released soon are expected to show a fall. Numbers have dropped by about 2,000 a year since the 1950s.

"I can define the problem in terms of a single, overwhelming irony," Dr Sacks said. "Judaism ... is a journey from slavery to freedom, from exile to exodus. Whereas we have survived slavery and persecution, we have found it very difficult to survive freedom. Given freedom, Jews have tended to fall into assimilation and secularisation. We have reached a low point in that process, and I envisage a decade of religious renewal."

He spoke of positive signs in the Soviet Union and in Israel, which he recently visited. "If we return to an age of religious wars," he said, "we have reason to fear for the future of this planet."

Unlike Lord Jakobovits, Dr Sacks did not live through the Holocaust and was born and educated in England. There was no generation gap, Lord Jakobovits said, but every age needed a leader who could respond to the challenges and opportunities of the time.

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TONY WHITE

Cloistered conference: Dr Jonathan Sacks, right, and Lord Jakobovits at the press conference in St John's Wood synagogue, north London

Crowds rush to revel where death may lurk

THIS weekend, for the first time since the earthquake of 1989, every hotel room in San Francisco is booked. Despite the (unseasonal) trade and the (seasonal) fog, the city is seething with visitors. Discounts for smart hotels have disappeared, and newspapers claim that things are back to where they should be.

It is less than two years since the "shift" of October 17, 1989, but the crowds filling Fisherman's Wharf and Chinatown seemed unconcerned by the precarious nature of life in their host city. Yet just a few weeks ago an earthquake well over 6 on the Richter scale — easily enough to devastate much of San Francisco — was recorded only 300 miles away. Even 100 miles out in the Pacific it brought home the terrifyingly finite nature of this most pleasant of cities.

The lesson is learned at Point Reyes, in Marin County, just over the Golden Gate bridge. It offers visitors activities and exhibits that shame its British equivalents, chief among them the Earthquake Trail. The walk is designed for even the laziest arrival, half a mile or so, and neatly surfaced. It follows the San Andreas Fault line, heart of the great earthquake that destroyed almost all of San Francisco in 1906.

Signs and photographs show what happened — and leave no doubt it will happen again. Nothing is left to the imagination. A wooden fence that used to straddle the line still stands. Since April 18, 1906, however, its downhill line has been broken; the section west of the fault is 16ft from the eastern portion. That was the shift that time, and legend has it that a cow fell into the chasm and disappeared.

The inevitability of "the big one" is a fact of life in San Francisco. Television commercials are interrupted by public service warnings on the how and where to turn off the gas (in 1906 and 1989 the chief danger was fire, caused by ruptured gas and power mains).

The city's building regulations are among the world's strictest. Skyscrapers have floating foundations, many houses are made of wood, and even the smallest construction firm boasts "earthquake proofing" or of being "seismic upgraders".

Perhaps because the risk is a fact of life, there is a startling absence of discussion of it. Even friends who were at the Candlestick Park when the stadium swayed and shuddered on October 17, 1989, seem reluctant to talk about the event in any but the most dispassionate terms.

At the Californian Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park, visitors are invited to "experience the original Californian rock and roll". Tourists stand on a metal plate that vibrates to simulate the 1957 earthquake (5.7 on the Richter scale: comparatively little damage).

In terms of what is to come, 5.7 is minor. The 1989 earthquake was 7.7; 67 people lost their lives, but it was America's most expensive natural disaster, with the cost some $7 billion to $10 billion. The big one, when it comes, will be between eight and 30 times more powerful.

This is one of the world's most beautiful cities, but it is not altogether easy to sleep in a hotel bed, even if one can be found.

REBECCA NICOLSON

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Sporting empire crumbles

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and Estonia competed as separate countries in the Olympic Games before being annexed by the Soviet Union in 1940. Lithuania were twice European basketball champions in the 1930s, while Estonia took six gold medals in Olympic Games between the wars; Estonia's last two IOC members were shot by the Soviet secret police in 1940.

Although the three Baltic republics have produced no medal winner at the Tokyo world athletics championships, they are particularly adept at such Olympic sports as yachting — the 1980 Olympic regatta was held in Tallinn, capital of Estonia — basketball, volleyball and weightlifting.

What has happened in the Baltic states could happen in other republics and give the IOC, reluctant to see the Games expanded further, a new problem. For the last year, Georgia has paved the way by withdrawing its teams from the national leagues. That republic produced Alexei Metreveli, 1973 Wimbledon singles finalist, and many outstanding judo fighters and wrestlers.

Some of the most famous names in Soviet sport over the last 20 years have not come from Russia itself.

Valery Borzov, the former Olympic sprint champion, was from the Ukraine, as was his wife Ludmila Tourischeva, the 1972 Olympic gymnastics champion. Two of Tourischeva's team-mates, Nelli Kim and Elvira Saadi, were from Uzbekistan, and her great rival, Olga Korbut, from Belorussia.

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Hurricane Bob in UK

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foreign holidays than last year. Only three months ago operators were reporting falls of 70 per cent in bookings and anticipating the most traumatic year in their history.

Big tour companies collapsed, five full-scale evacuations had to be organised, the recession looked like forcing people to abandon holiday plans and civil strife in Yugoslavia wiped out one of the top five holiday destinations.

Then, after a terrible June and a not-much-better July, the sun shone. As the temperatures rose people went on holiday. Tills jingled and smiles reappeared.

● About 300 holidaymakers from the Midlands are stranded on Cyprus because of a strike preventing jets being refuelled.

The tourists, who should have flown home on Wednesday, were still on the island late yesterday. The passengers are staying in hotels while attempts are made to solve the problem involving Shell employees.

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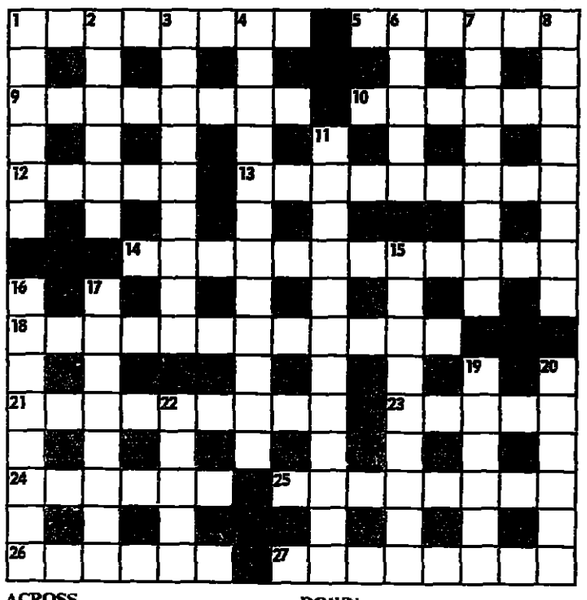
THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,699



ACROSS

1 Priest volunteers to go in and float in air (8).
5 Good, trusty people — but what cards! (6).
9 Shrewish woman cross with worker repairing pipe (8).
10 Publication by miners shows lots of bottle! (6).
12 Show staged in Harrogate — *A Chorus Line* (5).
13 Mandarins may bring him part of his income (9).
14 Agitator beginning to torment Russian wage-earner (7-5).
18 Ordered red notepaper, to carry more weight (12).
21 Capacity to endure permitted variation (9).
23 Fish in river, at first opposite a church (5).
24 Like Bucephalus, one of five in similar quarters (6).
25 Gold vessel captivates a girl from the islands (8).
26 Saw, for example, gin circulating (6).
27 Holes made by expert for this fastener (4-4).

DOWN

1 Ordinary people without the vote from carelessness (6).
2 National art collection originally looted by Germanic raider (6).
3 The rot broadcast about a strike, up to that time (9).
4 Providing material for printers — the sort encountered in Bridgend (4-8).
6 Respond with about-turn (5).
7 Bloomer made by a fellow navigator (8).
8 Hat exhibited in county circle, worn by Harris's brother (8).
11 Clay from a worthy chronicler's underground home? (7,5).
15 Came to road works, having left behind a line of cars (9).
16 Very clean, though without special lighting (8).
17 Warning device that works on rollers (4-4).
19 Girl seen around northern yacht station (6).
20 Absence of design for uncompleted part of church (6).
22 Arrested knight overwhelmed by downfall (3,3).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,695

Solution to Puzzle No 18,698

PARKER DUOFOLD

A prize of a superb Parker Duofold International Fountain Pen, with an 18 carat gold nib and fully guaranteed for the lifetime of the original owner will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

Name/Address.....

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

FRUMPY
a. Potato and onion fried
b. Sexual intercourse
c. Dowdy, run-down

TABBY
a. A witch
b. To send poison pen letters
c. Watered silk

COMPESCE
a. Neapolitan fish soup
b. To restrain
c. An Italian rural magistrate

BRANCARD
a. A winning card
b. A Hungarian paladin
c. A horse litter

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North-east England	743
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The winners of last Saturday's competition are: J Murray, Baker Street, Stirling, Scotland; P Birdsal, South Bank, East Keswick, Leeds, West Yorkshire; D McCurdy, Trevanion Road, St Austell, Cornwall; P Wood, Green Lanes, Hatfield, Hertfordshire; J Aldridge, Tolponds Road, Porthleven, Helston, Cornwall

WEATHER

All areas will have a mainly dry and sunny day. By mid afternoon the temperatures will be very warm but cooler along the east coast. Later cloud will increase in the South-West with the possibility of a few thundery showers over Cornwall and the Channel Islands by late evening and overnight. Outlook: thundery at first in the South but becoming mainly dry and bright later.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; f=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	27	81	f	Miami*	31	88	s
Amst'dm	22	72	s	Montreal*	28	82	s
Athens	28	82	f	Moscow	15	59	c
Barcelna	28	82	f	Nairobi	23	73	c
Beirut	28	82	s	Naples	28	82	s
Berlin	19	66	c	N York*	31	88	s
Biarritz	25	77	c	Nice	27	81	s
Borde'x	25	77	f	Paris	25	77	s
Brussels	23	73	s	Peking	27	81	f
Cape Tn	14	57	f	Prague	20	68	s
Chicago*	33	91	f	Rhodes	28	82	s
Cologne	22	72	s	Rio de J	21	70	s
Corfu	23	73	f	Rome	28	82	s
Dublin	21	70	s	S F'risco*	19	66	s
Faro	25	77	s	S Paulo*	28	82	f
Florence	25	77	s	Sing'por	25	77	c
Funchal	26	79	c	Strasb'rg	23	73	s
Gibraltar	29	84	s	Sydney	18	64	s
Hong K	29	84	r	Tokyo	29	84	f
Istanbul	22	72	f	Toronto*	30	86	f
Jo'burg*	26	79	s	Tunis	31	88	s
L Palmas	26	79	s	Vanc'ver*	16	61	c
Lisbon	23	73	f	Venice	24	75	s
L Angels*	22	72	s	Vienna	20	68	s
Madrid	28	82	f	Wash'ton*	34	93	s
Majorca	32	90	s	Wel'nton	14	57	f
Malta	32	90	s	Zurich	22	72	s

* denotes figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	10.8	.01	26	79	sunny
Anglesey	10.1	-	22	72	sunny
Belfast	10.2	-	25	77	sunny
Blackpool	8.2	-	23	73	sunny
Bournemouth	12.5	-	23	73	sunny
Brighton	11.9	-	21	70	sunny
Bristol	11.8	-	24	75	sunny
Cardiff	11.9	-	23	73	sunny
Colwyn Bay	7.1	-	21	70	sunny
Eastbourne	12.3	-	19	66	sunny
Edinburgh	8.4	-	25	77	sunny
Falmouth	9.5	-	21	70	sunny
Folkestone	12.2	-	19	66	sunny
Guernsey	11.9	-	19	66	sunny
Jersey	11.1	-	22	72	sunny
Lowestoft	12.1	-	20	68	sunny
Morecambe	7.5	-	22	72	sunny
Newcastle	9.7	-	25	77	sunny
Penzance	11.5	-	23	73	sunny
Poole	11.7	-	23	73	sunny
Salcombe	10.5	-	19	66	sunny
Scarborough	7.5	-	24	75	bright
Scilly Isles	6.6	-	20	68	bright
Shanklin	12.1	-	20	68	sunny
St. Ives	12.0	-	20	68	sunny
Weymouth	11.9	-	21	70	sunny

* denotes Not Available
Thursday's figures are latest available

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.26	2.11
Austria Sch	21.60	20.10
Belgium Fr	63.25	59.25
Canada $	2.035	1.865
Denmark Kr	11.67	11.12
Finland Mkk	7.52	7.07
France Fr	10.37	9.72
Germany Dm	3.07	2.87
Greece Dr	335.00	315.00
Hong Kong $	13.60	12.60
Ireland Pt	1.144	1.074
Italy Lira	2300.00	2150.00
Japan Yen	247.00	229.00
Netherlands Gld	3.45	3.23
Norway Kr	12.04	11.24
Portugal Esc	262.00	244.00
South Africa Rd	5.35	4.75
Spain Pta	189.75	176.75
Sweden Kr	11.20	10.45
Switzerland Fr	2.665	2.495
Turkey Lira	8300.00	7500.00
USA $	1.78	1.655
Yugoslavia Dnr	DNB	40.00

Rates for small denomination bank only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.05	6.6	6.13	6.7
Aberdeen	5.21	4.0	5.59	3.7
Avonmouth	11.24	11.9	11.45	11.6
Belfast	3.02	3.4	3.32	3.2
Cardiff	11.09	11.1	11.30	10.8
Devonport	9.53	4.8	10.08	4.6
Dover	2.54	6.2	3.12	6.4
Falmouth	9.23	4.6	9.38	4.6
Glasgow	5.04	4.6	5.27	4.6
Harwich	4.05	3.8	4.14	3.9
Holyhead	2.20	5.3	2.44	5.0
Lowestoft	1.45	2.2	1.46	2.4
Margate	4.05	4.5	4.08	4.6
Milford Haven	10.27	6.3	10.49	6.2
Newquay	9.21	6.3	9.44	6.2
Portsmouth	3.23	4.3	3.49	4.3
Shoreham	3.09	5.8	3.31	5.7
Southampton	2.53	4.2	3.20	4.2
Swansea	10.25	8.7	10.52	8.5
Tees	7.50	5.0	8.28	4.8
Wltn-on-Nze	3.57	4.0	4.08	4.1

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

TODAY
London 7.31 pm to 6.12 am
Bristol 8.00 pm to 6.22 am
Edinburgh 8.11 pm to 6.16 am
Manchester 8.02 pm to 6.17 am
Penzance 8.10 pm to 6.36 am

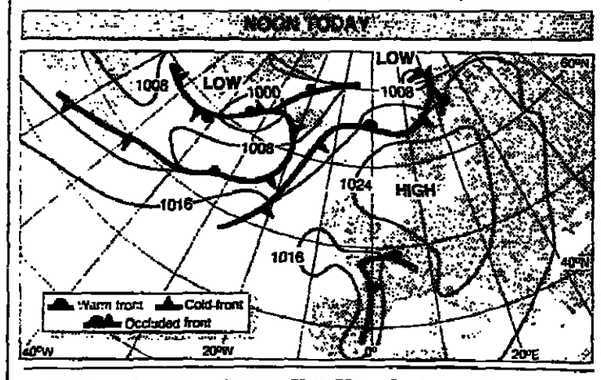
MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 25C (77F); min 6pm to 6am, 11C (52F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 12.3 hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 25C (77F); min 6pm to 6am, 09C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 9.4 hr

NOON TODAY



TODAY	Sun rises: 6.11 am	Sun sets: 7.51 pm	Moon sets: 1.40 am	Moon rises: 9.45 pm	Last quarter tomorrow
TOMORROW	Sun rises: 6.12 am	Sun sets: 7.49 pm	Moon sets: 2.55 pm	Moon rises: 10.30 pm	Last quarter 7.16 pm

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Clues

1 A mirror and a fool appear in one saying.
2 An animal and a king 'are' something in another adage.
3 A willow and some brothers form part of one proverb, but not with a river or the verb 'have'.
4 A storm and something 'like not' something, but not horns or rocks.
5 Two of the elements 'have no masters' according to Bewildus.
6 The dog is not paired with the moon, which has something to do with horns.

		2nd elements: And the fool	And the king	And the moon	And the river	And the wind	3rd elements: Are	Are not	Have	Have no	Like not	4th elements: Brothers	Horns	Lovers	Masters	Rocks
1st elements	The bull															
	The dog															
	The mirror															
	The storm															
	The willow															
4th elements	Brothers															
	Horns															
	Lovers															
	Masters															
	Rocks															
3rd elements	Are															
	Are not															
	Have															
	Have no															
	Like not															

Study the clues and start to fill in the boxes in the grid, using a tick to indicate a definite 'yes' and a cross to indicate a definite 'no'. This will narrow down the possibilities; so keep working through the clues and you will eventually eliminate all the incorrect alternatives.

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WEEKEND MONEY

Brent losses

Brent Walker, the debt-laden leisure group, removed part of the mystery surrounding its surprise call for a Serious Fraud Office investigation this week.

Lord Kindersley, the chairman, said that past profits had been materially overstated. A review by the company's accountants disclosed an overstatement of unaudited profits for the first half of last year. Lord Kindersley also told of a dispute over property valuations involving George Walker, the former chairman ..... Page 25

Savers receiving monthly interest from their bank of building society may find themselves worse off than those investors who have opted for interest to be added to the account on a half-yearly or yearly basis Page 28

Shut lines

Two telephone share information lines have been shut and a third is under investigation by the committee that supervises telephone information services..... Page 28

Card confusion

National Westminster Bank is the last of the big four banks to introduce a fee for credit cards. The move has added to the confusion about credit card rates..... Page 29

Plea on coins

People who bought coins from Certified Rare US Coins are being asked to contact the City of London fraud investigation office.... Page 29

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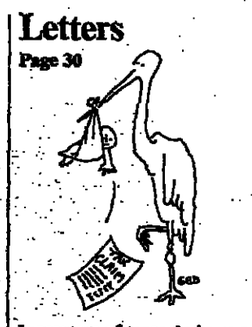

Inspectors of taxes do have a human side as J.R. Anderson recounts. Ramnik Shah, however, feels that the Inland Revenue should be made to pay the costs incurred by a taxpayer in resisting an unjustified tax demand.

Economic boost

While Britain bumps along the bottom, there was news of good economic performance by the world's three leading economies, Japan, America and Germany..... Page 24

Merger backed

Tyndall, the investment management group, is backing a £34 million merger with Jupiter Tarbutt. Together the companies control funds of £1.3 billion..... Page 25

Aircraft order

A $1.4 billion aircraft order from Northwest Airlines to the European Airbus consortium means more work for British Aerospace ..... Page 25

Rudolf Agnew, chairman of TVS Entertainment, faced a call for the company to be broken up and the proceeds returned to shareholders. TVS is under fire for bidding too much to retain its television franchise..... Page 24

Dividend up

Macfarlane Group (Clansman), the packaging group, saw interim profits fall from £4.8 million to £4.02 million. The dividend is up 2.8 per cent to 1.75p Tempus, page 24

Back in profit

Bennett & Fountain, the electrical wholesale group, returned to profit in the year ended June, but is not in a position to pay any dividends..... Tempus, page 24

Ritual apology

There were more ritual apologies from bank chiefs in Tokyo where financial scandals may force the finance minister to resign ..... Page 25

Merger mania

The urge to merge is at work in the building society movement. The 100 or so societies operating at the start of last year had combined into 90 by last spring. Lindsay Cook expects a spate of activity soon. Smaller societies, especially in the Southeast, are finding life harder while larger, acquisitive operators are seeking further benefits of scale..... Page 27

WEEK ENDING

Matthew Bond

Waving or just sinking

Keeping afloat is no easy task in the Nineties, as figures from the Association of British Chambers of Commerce revealed, with some 20,000 firms going into liquidation in the past year. But the week also brought some unexpected signs of buoyancy.

Harland & Wolff, the Belfast shipyard, was rightly cock-a-hoop about landing a £230 million order for six new bulk carriers which, given the state of British shipbuilding, suggests that the yard's sales staff probably walk on water in their spare time. But not even they could stand in the way of shipping tradition which dictates that the classification for the new ships is capesize. It needs to be read carefully, especially by landlubbers.

A number of Lloyd's marine syndicates will also be keen to ensure that the vital central "e" stays in place. For while capesize describes a class of vessel designed to survive the wild waters around Cape Horn, many names will be nursing painfully expensive memories of occasions when the "e" has not been the only thing to go missing, often when the

ship has been navigating a particularly deep stretch of ocean.

Harland & Wolff has rightly seen the loss of 20 bulk carriers in a similar number of months as a marketing opportunity and the ships it will build for Swire Group and Cenargo International will have specially strengthened hulls and will contain less of the failure-prone high tensile steel. Prudently, though, the yard has plotted a course that steers clear of the word unsinkable.

The increased longevity of Harland's new class of bulk carriers will come too late to help the Lloyd's insurance market, where the number of names is dwindling at a speed the shipbuilding industry would recognise. The week saw the bad news continuing with estimates that 1989's losses could total £1.4 billion, a figure that will send some names down for the third time.

For others, of course, 1989 was a splendid year. At Brent Walker, 1989 saw pre-tax profits virtually doubled to £82.2 million and net assets rise by over 40 per cent to £856 million. But just 12 months later the leisure company reported total losses of £249 million and net assets of just £139 million. Common sense suggests that either the 1989 or the 1990 figures were wrong. Last Wednesday, the Serious Fraud Office went in to find out.

Two day later, however, the Brent Walker board decided it knew at least part of the answer and wiped another £200 million off 1990's net assets, leaving the company with a negative net worth of £56 million. The board, led by Lord Kindersley, said Brent Walker's £1.4 billion refinancing will not be affected by the news. Perhaps Harland & Wolff should be brought in as adviser.

Down in London's Docklands it was the turn of the Serious Fiasco Office, called in by Olympia & York, the Canadian property group, to discover who was responsible for the closure of the Docklands Light Railway in the week that saw the first tenant, State Street Bank, move into the 26th and 27th floor of the 800-ft skyscraper at O&Y's Canary Wharf development. One employee told journalists that the view from the 26th floor was "fantastic", but could someone give him a lift home.

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BUSINESS PROFILE: David Freeman

Stickler with an eye for the law

DJ Freeman, the firm, has a reputation for being one of the most aggressive. Carol Leonard meets the founder

When David Freeman retires next March as the senior partner of DJ Freeman, the law firm, it will mark the end of an era. His retirement will coincide with the fortieth anniversary of the firm, founded by him as a sole practitioner, without clients, in one room above a greengrocers shop in Cannon Street, London.

"It was very risky," says Freeman now. "I was 24 years old, had a six month old son, and both my father and father-in-law tried to dissuade me. They thought I was crazy."

That firm, which has 53 partners, 250 employees and an envied reputation in commercial property and insolvency law, will continue. But, with Freeman no longer at the helm, the eyes of the rest of the legal profession will soon be on it, to see if its culture has changed.

The reputation of DJ Freeman, the firm, has long been that of one of the toughest, most aggressive in the business. The reputation of DJ Freeman, the man, is even more formidable. "I have an image of being a domineering, pushy sort of bloke, dictatorial, and I don't think I'm any of those things," says Freeman. "In fact, I'm not. It comes from people I have never dealt with. People don't love you for starting your own business, you know. You have to be very careful."

Very careful indeed. Rumours were rife recently, within the legal profession, that DJ Freeman, the firm, was in financial difficulties, because it had laid off some people in its commercial property department. It is not. But success does not breed friendship, and lawyers can be bitchy.

Freeman is markedly different from those who rumour monger about his firm. The hypothetical prospect of ever being an assistant solicitor or a junior partner in one of today's large practices fills him with horror. He "politely declined" the offer of a partnership from the two-partner firm where he trained, in London's West End. "I just wanted to be my own man, to run my own affairs. It's a feeling instilled in me, a need to be independent."

He admits that, to that extent, he has "bucked the system" and says he enjoys nothing more than helping companies or people "who have got themselves into difficulties, sorting out all the loose ends, and getting them back on the road again". The more difficult the challenge the better.

If a decision to issue a writ is made at 2am, he can persuade a judge to be out of bed at 6.30am and in the High Court by 8.30am. He has been personally advising Cork Gully over Barlow Clowes. He is acting for Tony Berry over Manpower and Blue Arrow.

"Tony came to see me on January 9, because he was already getting the boot, and we settled at 11 pm on January 12 — I got him £1.5 million," says Freeman. "I insisted that we walk out of that room with the cheque. They said the cheque book was locked up, but we left with the cheque." He is not a man to take "no" for an answer.

"I believe that one should settle, not litigate, but if you have to litigate then be fair but tough." His style in settlement negotiations is persistent but always polite. He can get irritated but he would not thump the table. He never loses his temper. "I don't think anyone has ever found me unpleasant in meetings," says Freeman. "You can kill more people with sweetness than with poison." He laughs disarmingly. He has a soft, monotone voice.

But he is aware that his demeanour can be deceptive. "My father always said that I had a damning habit. He used to say: 'You look like the most relaxed cowboy I have ever seen, but underneath it you are able to move at breakneck speed.' He was right. I can give the impression of being laid back but my mind is racing away all the time."

> *My father said: 'You look like the most relaxed cowboy I have ever seen, but underneath it you move at breakneck speed'*

His use of the phrase "laid back" begs definition as it is a relative term. Compared with his Victorian parents he may well have appeared relaxed. That Victorian upbringing instilled sufficient discipline that Freeman sits permanently on the edge of his chair and, although he seems able to concentrate on only one thing at a time, his thoughts are in a permanent state of concentration. His brain never tires.

"Hyperactive? Yes, I think that would be pretty fair. My wife says I'm the only man she knows who runs with the lawn mower. I can't lay on a beach and do nothing, not even for half an hour." He was a sprinter and cross country runner in his youth. Even his reading is done at speed. He can read a 250-page book in six hours. That sense of urgency is linked to impatience and Freeman admits that he could be a better listener.

"But I do have an ability to cut through the chaff," he says. "When a client is being a bit woolly I say: 'Look, if I had a magic wand, what is it that you would like me to bring about?' Then we get to it."

Freeman's discipline, impatience and energy come from his mother, one of six children, brought up in London's East End. "She was the dominant figure in our household, very determined, very strong-willed and a strict disciplinarian. If she wanted to get something done, she got it done and she didn't let one down." He is, he says, like her, in looks and personality. His father, a tailor, was much quieter and very conservative. Freeman, the youngest of three children, never saw him in anything other than a suit.

"You had to be exceptionally tidy, your cupboards had to be kept properly and before I went to school I had to get in the coke for the boiler and do my chores. My mother was very hot on manners, politeness, letter writing. She drilled that into us. Even now, if I have been to lunch with someone, a thank you letter will go off that afternoon. I still hang my trousers up carefully every night and I just cannot live in a mess." He points to his desk. Upon it lies just one small pile of papers, neatly positioned in the centre. Later, when I replace a company brochure on another pile, he reaches out absent-mindedly to straighten it.

Dr Isidore Redstone, the chairman of Hanover Druce, who has known Freeman since his teens, says: "He has always been extremely well organised. When we were boy scouts his uniform was always well pressed. He would get mud on his knees, but he liked to get it off again quickly. He ran a disciplined tent — he won all the inspection awards . . . but he was the only boy scout I knew who never cheated. He is a stickler for the rules. He has a very straightforward approach. He is not a complex soul." Freeman, he agrees, is the sort of man who would never drive at 71 mph, not even on a motorway.

Freeman is also a stickler for accuracy and he has a faultless memory for dates and details. Unlike most fathers at 63, he has instant recall of the ages and dates of birth of his three children and seven grandchildren. Although impressive, it can make him sound cold and clinical. He looks offended at that suggestion.

But talk to him about emotions and he admits that they have been stifled. He cried when his mother died, but would never normally shed a tear, nor show any emotion in public. Ask Iris, his wife, who was, until recently, a partner at DJ Freeman, what he is like and she will say that he is very sensitive, thin-skinned and easily hurt by what people sometimes say. "But he tries not to show it," she says. She also talks about his kindness and willingness to help other people less fortunate than himself.

Freeman is unable to talk to a stranger about this side of his life. Press him and he will say: "I'm having difficulties here . . ." It is surprising to discover that he is neither religious — "I am Jewish but I do not practice in a religious sense" — nor a life-long Conservative voter. If there were a general election tomorrow he would, he says, vote Conservative, but from the late Forties to the late Seventies he voted Labour. "I just could not stay with it any longer." He always thinks everything through.

Freeman then, while straightforward but uncompromising at work, exacting and, at times, difficult, is also courteous, kind and generous, in a slightly quaint, old-fashioned way. Those traits combine to give him a rare, unaffected and refreshing quality — an overwhelming air of simplicity, innocence or unworldliness. Unusually for such a successful lawyer, it means that he is almost childlike in his enthusiasms and naive in his honesty.

TED BATH

Partners-in-law: David Freeman with Iris, his wife, who until recently was a partner in the firm

Recession grounds executive jets

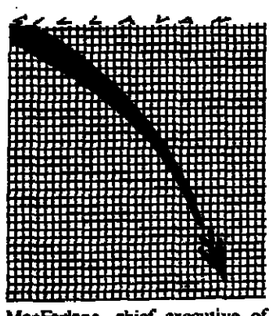
By HARVEY ELLIOTT
AIR CORRESPONDENT

ANECDOTAL indicators of recession are legend, from sales of light bulbs to sales of plastic raw materials. But a measure of the depth of the present recession has to be the number of second-hand executive aircraft on the market.

Demand for the used jets and turbo-props is so weak that many have been withdrawn from sale. But now scores are to be sold in Europe's first executive aircraft auction. It is hoped that the sale, at Stansted airport in October, will help unblock a huge backlog of aircraft put up for sale by recession-hit companies. The number of executive jets on the market has risen to 906 from 617 a year ago. Hundreds more are being held back because of the depressed market.

The European Business Aviation Association (Ebaa), which represents 200 companies with their own aircraft fleets, blames the recession for much of the drop in demand. But firms are also worried by EC proposals that would, if approved by the council of ministers, bar company aircraft from many of Europe's most congested and popular airports.

The new regulations, which could become law by 1993, would allow access to airports such as Heathrow and Frankfurt only to "air carriers", defined as scheduled and charter airlines. Frank



MacFarlane, chief executive of Ebaa, said: "We are fighting hard to convince ministers that executive aircraft, which bring in a great deal more business to a country than a planeload of package tourists, should be given a fair share of the available slots at even the busiest airports."

He says that many of Europe's senior executives use company aircraft to get to Heathrow, for example, to catch Concorde to America and so save vital and costly working time. "Many politicians still see a business aircraft as little more than an executive toy, but that is far from the truth, and it is ridiculous to save vital hours by flying to catch Concorde only to be forced to use an airport well away from Heathrow." If the proposals become law, Ebaa aims to persuade Community governments to open military airfields near leading civilian airports for business jet use.

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Three leading economies boost hopes for world growth

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE world's three leading economies, America, Germany and Japan, displayed stronger-than-expected performance in various data, which is likely to prompt a more favourable assessment of the prospects for world growth.

Such a development would be welcomed by the British government, as it would improve industry's chances of maintaining the increase in exports that would help fuel recovery at home.

The American government's main guide to movements in the economy, the index of leading economic indicators, showed a 1.2 per cent leap in July, its biggest advance for more than three years and the sixth successive monthly rise. In June, it rose 0.6 per cent.

The figure reinforced the view that the American recovery is gathering momentum this quarter, although some Wall Street analysts fear the index overstates the upturn and revisions will present a bleaker picture.

In addition, the commerce department reported a 6.2 surge in factory orders, the biggest increase for more than 20 years, largely reflecting the previously published increase in durable goods, primarily aircraft.

In Germany, Europe's economic powerhouse, government figures showed the western half of the economy declining by a real 0.5 per cent, after seasonal adjustment. This pushed the annual growth rate to 4.8 per cent in the second quarter, with 4.5 per cent annual growth in the first half.

Japanese data, meanwhile, confirmed the renewed expansion of the current account surplus, which nearly tripled to $5.04 billion in July, compared with $1.93 billion in July last year, as exports rose sharply and imports slowed.

The fourth consecutive monthly increase in the politically-sensitive surplus mainly reflected exports of machinery, micro-chips and electronic goods, economists said. Weaker demand for luxury items was the key factor behind the slowdown in imports. The trade surplus rose by 62 per cent to $8.64 billion.

The invisibles deficit was narrowed by a surge in interest and dividend payments from abroad. With the inhibiting effect of the Gulf war on Japanese travel overseas all but gone, the tourism deficit was virtually unchanged at $1.9 billion.

Yesterday's generally favourable American indicators followed a mixed bag of data this week, including a downward revision of the growth estimate. This turned a small second quarter rise into a 0.1 per cent decline, dashing hopes that the economy had already started to recover last quarter.

The leading index was boosted by manufacturing, which has been signalling impressive gains after good export performance. But the figures are subject to heavy revision and many economists remain wary about their value. The index was revised upwards by 0.1 per cent for June.

The unfilled orders component of the index was interpreted as a promise of additional production later this year, further increasing output.

Jürgen Möllemann, the German economics minister, said the western German gross national product figure confirmed his forecast that the economy would show average growth of 3 per cent, or slightly higher, for the full year, down from 4.5 per cent in 1990, even if the economy cools down in the second half.

German analysts, however, expect the economy to broadly stagnate in the second half of the year, with annual growth slowing further to 2 per cent, or below, next year. Recovery in eastern Germany, however, is expected to boost pan-German growth to 2 to 2.5 per cent next year.

Herr Möllemann said there were signs of recovery in the east in certain sectors, such as the building industry. Strong demand from eastern Germany was still fuelling western German growth, he noted.

He saw the second quarter data as evidence that the western German economy had stabilised at a high level. In nominal terms, western Germany's gnp rose an annual 9.6 per cent to DM642.6 billion in the second quarter.

TED BATH

Revenue man: Rudolph Agnew, TVS chairman, is confident advertising will come

Fidelity opposes TVS cash

By JONATHAN PRYNN

A LEADING fund management group has claimed that shareholders in TVS Entertainments, the independent television contractor, would be better off if the company withdrew its controversial £54 million-a-year franchise bid and was broken up.

Fidelity, with a 4 per cent stake in TVS, yesterday voted against a £30 million injection for the south of England contractor at an egm. TVS has said it must have shareholder approval for the financing if the bid is to proceed.

AFidelity spokesman said it opposed the resolution because TVS's projections for growth in advertising revenue after the bid were "over optimistic", and that the company would probably need further refinancing before 1994. "We think the bid is underfinanced," he said.

He added that Fidelity had voted against after "much heart searching" but that its sums showed the company to be worth more without the franchise. TVS shares stand at 28p, valuing the group at £16.6 million and reflecting doubt about its ability to make profits after paying for the bid.

A break up valuation of TVS is hard to calculate because of the uncertain worth of MTM, its American subsidiary. MTM's programme stock is valued in TVS's books at £74 million.

Despite Fidelity's opposition, the resolution was passed by 91.6 per cent of share to 8.4 per cent. Rudolph Agnew, chairman of TVS, said that he "totally disagreed" with Fidelity's assessment of future advertising revenues.

TVS is believed to have substantially outbid its rivals for the south of England region.

Maples confident of inflation fall

By OUR ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE government has started to refocus attention on the slowdown in inflation it expects next year. It has said the defeat of inflation is its prime policy objective, and hopes the steady decline since last autumn will be a vote-winner at the next election.

John Maples, economic secretary to the Treasury, commenting on the latest survey on the British economy from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, said the government was confident that retail inflation would slow to about an annual 4 per cent in the final quarter and continue to fall. In July, the annual rate was 5.5 per cent.

Mr Maples expected underlying inflation, as measured by the retail price index excluding mortgage interest payments, would also be below an annual 4 per cent next year, compared with 6.8 per cent last month.

Interviewed on BSkyB television, Mr Maples reaffirmed the government view that the economy would return to growth by the end of this year and grow 2 per cent in 1992.

Mr Maples also told Channel 4 television, that there was scope for lower interest rates, although recent independent surveys have suggested the room for reducing base rates is now limited. Fresh cuts would depend on the pound's position in the European exchange-rate mechanism.

On BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme, he said: "One wouldn't expect to bounce back from a recession to an immediate rate of growth of 2 or 3 per cent. It's bound to take a few months to build that up."

Germany to repay old debt

Frankfurt – Germany is to resume payments on its pre-second world war foreign debt now that unification has fufilled the terms of a 1953 accord with its creditors, the Bundesbank said.

The bank said Germany would convert the old bonds into new securities with the 32-letter German name Fundierungsschuldverschreibungen. The new paper will allow Germany to meet outstanding interest payments of about DM250 million.

☐ Western Germany's gross national product surged strongly between April and June, but the government said yesterday that the rise would slow in the second half.

The Federal Statistics Office said GNP rose by a real 4.8 per cent year-on-year in the second quarter of 1991, giving first-half growth of 4.5 per cent. *(Reuter)*

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

BCMB's creditors to be paid in full

CREDITORS of the collapsed British & Commonwealth Merchant Bank have been told by Ernst & Young, the bank's administrators, that their claims will be met in full, together with interest, by December 1993. More than 90 per cent of creditors at a meeting in the West End of London yesterday agreed to an initial payment of 43p in the pound, worth a total of £150 million, which will be made next month.

The money comes from BCMB loans that have matured since the bank went into administration in June last year. One of the main beneficiaries of the payout will be the Bank of England's deposit protection scheme, which has paid compensation of up to £15,000 each to most of BCMB's retail depositors. The initial payment is expected to return about £14 million to the scheme. Negotiations to sell BCMB to Charterhouse, the merchant bank, collapsed in June.

DC Cook falls into red

THE effects of the collapse of a sub-contractor, losses on discontinued operations and a £3 million interest charge, have contributed to a £1.5 million pre-tax loss at DC Cook Holdings, the motor distributor and property group, for the year to end-April. The group made a profit in the previous year of £2.13 million. There is a maintained dividend of 1p for the year.

Losses cut at Heritage

HERITAGE, the houseware importer and distributor, has reduced its pre-tax losses from £1.175 million to £381,000 for the year to end-April. The second half loss of £198,000 compares with £183,000 in the first half. There is no dividend for the year (1.29p). The number of employees has been reduced from 110 to 66. Turnover fell from £11.55 million to £10.55 million.

Writedowns hit TNT

TNT, the international transport group based in Australia, blames the turnround from attributable profits of Aus$127.4 million to a net attributable loss of Aus$199.5 million in the year ended June on heavy writedowns and generally poorer economic conditions.

Net asset value at year-end was 69 cents a share (116.4 cents). The total dividend for the year is cut from 15 cents to 7.5 cents a share. TNT cites substantial losses by its Australian airline interests, and says overall conditions in Australia are the worst in several decades.

Gulf war takes toll of Mallett

THE unwillingness of buyers of fine antiques to travel during the Gulf war and the resulting fall in sales contributed to a 41 per cent drop in six-month turnover from £8.36 million to £4.9 million at Mallett, the antique dealer. Pre-tax profit slumped from £2.66 million to £710,000 for the half year to end-June. The interim dividend is reduced from 2p to 1.5p.

English & Overseas loss

TWO months after raising £5 million through a three-for-one rights issue, English & Overseas Properties has reported a pre-tax loss of £551,000 for the six months to end-June (£908,000 profit). The company made a trading profit of £121,000, but disappointing progress in letting four buildings prompted it to make a provision of £672,000. The interim dividend is 0.5p (2p).

Lonrho shares enquiry

THE Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) has called for returns from South African brokers who dealt in the shares of Lonrho on the JSE between July 10 and July 19. The call was made at the direction of South Africa's Securities Regulation Panel and is normal procedure when undue price fluctuations and/or unusually heavy turnover in any share is noted.

The returns were lodged with the JSE yesterday and officials will now determine whether they show any pattern that needs to be reported to higher authorities.

Slump in tourism hits Church & Co

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

CHURCH & Co, the shoe retailer, says the Gulf war and its impact on tourism played a large part in the slump in the group's pre-tax profits, which fell from £1.86 million to £14,000 in the six months to end-June. Turnover dipped from £33.7 million to £31 million.

A £703,000 interest bill wiped out most of the £902,000 operating profit, down from £2.37 million in the same period last time.

In addition, there was a £185,000 exceptional charge for redundancy and reorganisation costs.

Earnings per share fell from 10.9p to 0.4p and the interim dividend has been held at 3p.

A Jones & Sons, the group's subsidiary company, made a pre-tax loss of £117,000 against profits of £314,000 last time.

Turnover fell from £14.4 million to £13 million.

John Church, the new chairman of Church & Co, said yesterday: "The profit figure is disappointing and is the result of the combination of the Gulf war and the continuing severe recession in the UK, USA and Canada.

"During the period of the Gulf war, tourism, on which we are very dependent, virtually came to a halt. Since July 1, sales out of our continuing shops in the UK have shown some signs of improvement, although it is still too early to assess whether it will continue throughout the second half of the year."

The shares were unchanged at 280p.

TEMPUS

Macfarlane steers a steady course

LORD Macfarlane of Bearsden, whose firm hand guided Guinness through turbulent waters after the Ernest Saunders affair, is skillfully steering another company round hazards thrown up by the recession.

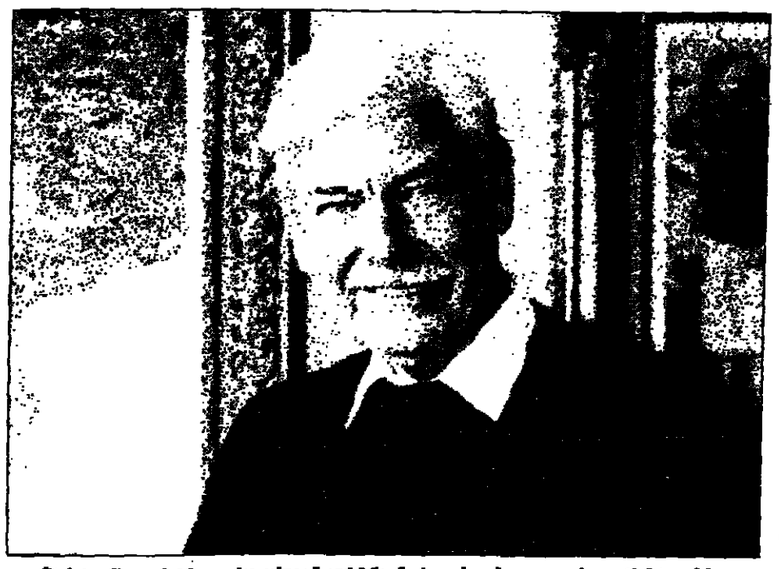
Macfarlane Group (Clansman), the packaging group based in Glasgow, operates in a sector that has been affected almost as severely as construction, but which continues to provide financial results that show resilience in the face of adverse trading conditions.

In the six months to end-June, pre-tax profits fell from £4.8 million to £4.02 million. Last year's interim figures included a contribution of about £400,000 from the marking products division, which was sold to its managers last December. Earnings were 5.33p a share, down from 6.21p.

The £6.25 million disposal of a business that, although profitable, was no longer considered to be a core interest eliminated borrowings of about £5 million and left the company with money in the bank.

Cash balances have since grown to more than £2 million through closer management of working capital. The company has a reputation in the City for minding its pennies. Lord Macfarlane, chairman, said: "We have adopted an even stricter approach than usual to our financial housekeeping."

Stocks and debtors have been reduced and manning levels have fallen 10 per cent, with cuts in each of the three divisions. So, although turnover in continuing businesses slipped from £44.29 million to £42.2 million, margins resisted some of the pressure.



Stricter financial housekeeping: Lord Macfarlane has been running a tighter ship

Given the company's tight control of cash, it would be unreasonable to expect any review of its conservative dividend policy at this stage. Surprisingly though, given the uncertain outlook, the interim dividend is increased from 1.70p a share to 1.75p.

Tien Doe, the BZW analyst, anticipates profits of £8.4 million this year, down from £9.8 million last year, with earnings of 11.1p a share. That is some way below BZW's recent forecast of £10 million, but he believes the shares, steady yesterday at 175p, are well worth keeping. The prospective price/earnings ratio of almost 16, however, is too demanding to attract new investors.

Bennett & Fountain

BENNETT & Fountain Group, the electrical wholesaler, has certainly come through a few hoops as far as management and ownership changes and its financial results are concerned. Latest figures show a pre-tax profit of £2.31 million for the year ended June 30, compared with a pre-tax loss of £9.99 million previously, and suggest that the profits fuse is starting to show signs of life.

But there is no dividend, preference or ordinary, for the 1991 financial year because of a substantial deficit on the profit and loss account.

A capital reconstruction to redress this situation is planned. The group has cut the number of retail outlets from 160 to a mere eight and has switched its emphasis from retail to wholesale. The South African Voltex Holdings group initially moved into Bennett & Fountain in June last year with a £20 million injection that was based on a net asset valuation of £12.6 million. But that net worth was subsequently shown to be a £5.5 million deficit and the Voltex equity holding rose to 60 per cent. Discussions now afoot may lead to the South African equity stake moving higher still, though both camps insist that Bennett & Fountain will remain a listed company on the London Stock Exchange.

Asset sales and staff trimming saw operating expenses fall from £25.7 million to £12.9 million and there could be further expense tightening this year.

Net tangible assets at the year-end stood at £16.4 million, against a £5.5 million deficit previously, and group borrowings have been reduced from £42.2 million to £14.1 million. A further fall is likely. The profits outlook, however, depends on the health of the economy and, within its field, Bennett & Fountain is not alone in finding it is still tough in the real world.

Details of what capital reconstruction plans there are will be needed before the shares can be expected to attract a fresh investment following, though at least they have come up from a low point of 10p last November to trade yesterday at 27p. However, the shares are still a long way from the 94p seen in August 1989 and they remain speculative.

THE SUNDAY TIMES

Is Stein a good bet?

City analysts are at a loss to explain the phenomenon of Cyril Stein. Half year profits are far worse than expected at his hotel and betting group, Ladbroke.

But Stein has a stockmarket fan club which is prepared to gamble on his mix of businesses coming good.

Business Focus, The Sunday Times tomorrow

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyons (*596)	500	96	103	117	2	4	7
	550	52	65	79	5½	14	18
	600	19	35	50	25	34	39
ASDA (*91)	80	14	17	18	2	3	4½
	90	6½	11	12	4½	6	8
	100	2½	6	8	11	12	13
Bass (*988)	929	79	–	–	7	–	–
	977	42	–	–	22	–	–
	1026	19	–	–	49	–	–
Boots (*429)	390	47	54	65	2½	6½	8½
	420	23	34	45	8	16	19
	460	6	15	25	31	38	39
Br Airways (*179)	160	24	27	32	3	5½	7½
	180	7½	15	20	8½	14	16
	200	3½	8	12	23	27	28
BP (*332)	300	38	62	64	1	2	3½
	330	30	37	41	3	6½	9
	360	9½	17	23	13	18	21
Br Steel (*128)	120	12½	14	17	2½	5	6½
	130	6	8	11½	6½	9½	11
	140	2	4	7	13	16	17
C & W (*588)	500	99	109	–	2	6	–
	550	52	69	85	6½	14	19
	600	21	40	56	26	34	39
CU (*522)	460	74	86	–	2	5	–
	500	37	55	63	7	13	19
	550	10	25	35	33	36	42
Courtauld (*485)	420	65	74	87	2	6½	9½
	460	33	45	59	10	15	19
	500	13	25	38	29	33	36
GKN (*378)	330	55	65	70	2	5	10
	360	32	44	50	7	12	20
	390	12	27	33	22	26	35
Grand Met (*829)	750	90	110	120	2½	11	15
	800	49	71	85	11	24	30
	850	20	43	58	36	47	53
ICI (*1369)	1300	97	134	150	22	37	60
	1350	55	104	120	43	59	82
	1400	33	79	93	70	85	104
Kingfisher (*574)	500	77	92	105	2½	7	9½
	550	38	55	73	12	18	25
	600	12	29	45	36	40	44
Ladbroke (*284)	260	28	34	40	5	9	13
	280	13	22	29	13	18	21
	300	5	13	20	26	29	32
Land Sec (*517)	460	64	72	83	1½	4	6½
	500	29	42	54	6½	14	17
	550	6½	16	27	37	42	44
M & S (*290)	260	35	41	49	1½	4	5
	280	19	26	35	5	9	11
	300	8	15	23	15	19	21
Sainsbury (*363)	326	42	48	–	1½	4	–
	356	18	28	–	8½	13	–
	386	5½	12	–	29	31	–
Shell (*528)	460	73	77	82	2	4	7
	500	37	47	52	5½	12	17
	550	6	19	25	34	37	42
Sthld Beech (*792)	750	60	82	102	10	19	25
	800	29	52	72	29	39	43
	850	10	30	48	64	67	72
Storehse (*111)	100	15	18	20	1½	4½	6
	110	7	10½	14	5½	8	10
	120	3	6½	9½	12	15	16
Trafalgar (*254)	211	51	55	–	2	6	–
	231	32	36	–	5	11	–
	251	19	25	–	12	21	–
Ultramar (*284)	260	24	35	36	4½	7	11
	280	13	22	27	12	15	20½
	300	5	13	–	25	28	–
Unilever (*759)	650	118	–	–	2	–	–
	700	71	89	–	5	11	–
	750	33	51	65	18	27	33
	800	11	28	40	49	55	60
Utd Biscs (*409)	360	56	61	68	2	5	9
	390	29	41	48	8	12	18
	420	11	26	31	24	26	32
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAA (*431)	390	57	64	–	5	8	–
	420	33	42	53	12	18	21
	460	12	23	34	34	40	42
BAT Ind (*688)	650	52	74	82	12	18	23
	700	23	43	53	36	40	45
	750	8	22	32	74	77	78
	800	3½	11	20	120	120	122
BTR (*434)	390	47	61	66	5½	8½	13
	420	27	41	46	13	19	25
	460	8½	20	26	38	40	44
Br Aero (*552)	550	30	50	57	22	28	38
	600	11	28	34	54	57	67
	650	4½	13	–	103	103	–
Br Telecom (*304)	360	42	49	57	4	7½	10½
	390	21	28	38	12½	18	21
	420	7½	15	24	30	34	37
Cadbury (*418)	360	67	80	85	1	6	8
	390	46	59	64	10	12	17
	420	27	43	46	22	25	30
Grainger (*1000)	950	75	104	117	16	25	32
	1000	43	72	88	36	45	53
	1050	20	46	61	65	73	75
GEC (*194)	180	19½	22½	27	2½	5½	7
	200	6½	11	16	10½	14	16
	220	2½	4½	8	28	30	31
Hanson (*219)	200	25	27½	29	2	6	7½
	220	10	13½	17½	8½	14½	16
	240	3	5½	10	24	29	30½
LASMO (*326)	300	39	50	52	6	9	13
	330	19	30	35	17	22	24
	360	8	16	22	37	37	41
P & O (*582)	500	80	97	–	4	8½	–
	550	40	62	72	16	23	32
	600	17	35	45	45	50	55
Pilkington (*167)	140	34	36	–	2	5	–
	160	19	22	29	7	11	15
	180	8½	13	19	19	23	26
Prudential (*259)	240	24	34	36	5	7½	11
	260	11	19	24	13	16	20
	280	4½	11	14	28	30	31
Racal (*222)	200	41	50	–	8	12	–
	220	28	40	–	15	22	–
	240	17	29	–	28	34	–
RTZ (*596)	550	60	75	84	8	15	22
	600	26	45	53	27	33	42
	650	8	24	33	65	67	70
Scot New (*410)	360	60	65	–	2½	6½	–
	390	36	44	54	8	15	16
	420	19	27	38	22	26	31
Tesco (*269)	260	20	27	32	6½	9½	12
	280	9	17	22	18	20	22
	300	4	9	13	33	34	35
Thames W (*366)	350	27	35	–	3½	9	–
	370	15	22	–	14	18	–
	400	5	9	–	37	38	–
Lucas (*156)	140	22	22	27	4½	6	8
	160	7½	11	15	14	18	18
	180	3	5	8	31	32	33
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Fisons (*496)	460	46	60	72	5	11	15
	500	19	34	47	19	26	30
	550	4½	15	25	58	58	59
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Abbey Nat (*304)	280	28	38½	45	1½	4½	8½
	300	12	24	32	6½	10½	16
	330	2½	9	15	28	29	31
Amstrad (*50)	45	7	9½	11½	1½	3½	4½
	50	4	7	9	3½	5½	7
	60	1¼	3	5½	11½	12½	14
Barclays (*470)	420	56	70	80	2	4½	9½
	460	22	40	53	7½	14	22
	500	4½	20	32	33	38	42
Blue Circ (*269)	240	31	36	45	1½	6	9
	260	14	23	32	6½	12	16
	280	4½	13	22	19	24	27
Br Gas (*270)	220	53	59	61	1	1	2
	240	33	40	43	1	2	5
	260	15	25	29	2½	6½	10
	280	3½	12½	17	12	16	18
Dixons (*262)	240	26	35	41	2	6	10
	260	12	23	29	7½	14	17
	280	3½	12	19	20	24	28
Eurotunnel (*490)	420	89	105	122	2	9	14
	460	52	73	93	7	22	25
	500	23	45	65	23	40	43
Forte (*289)	260	31	36	44	1	3½	6
	280	14	21	30	4	9½	12
	300	3½	–	–	15	–	–
Glaxo (*1365)	1250	120	152	185	6	25	35
	1300	77	117	152	16	38	50
	1350	40	87	124	37	60	72
Hawker (*597)	500	102	110	119	1	5	9
	550	54	68	80	4	15	21
	600	17	36	51	19	35	42
Hillsdown (*234)	200	35	40	45	1	2	4½
	220	17	24	31	3	6½	9½
	240	5	12	20	11	16	19
Lonrho (*239)	260	1½	5½	–	30	30	–
	220	24	32	35	1½	4½	9
	240	9	18	21	7	10	18
	260	2	8½	13	21	24	32
Midland (*253)	200	56	62	67	1	2½	4½
	220	37	46	55	1½	5½	9
	240	19	31	40	4	10½	15
	260	7	21	28	14	21	26
Reuter (*891)	800	101	131	153	5	20	32
	850	59	96	123	14	36	49
	900	28	67	95	32	57	74
	950	11	45	72	70	88	98
R-Royce (*136)	130	7½	13	17	4	6½	12
	140	3	7½	13½	11	13	17
	160	1	3	5	30	30	31
Sears (*86)	70	17½	19	20	1	1½	2
	80	8	10½	14	1¾	3½	5
	90	2	4½	8	6	7½	9½
Thorn EMI (*804)	700	109	127	134	1	6	9
	750	62	85	99	3½	15	19
	800	24	50	66	17	31	37
	850	6½	24	44	51	59	63
TSB (*158)	130	30	33	35	1	1½	2
	140	20	24	26	1	2½	4
	160	4	10½	13½	6	8½	11
Vaal Reefs (*$56)	50	9	12	15	1	3½	5
	60	2½	6½	9	5	8	10
Wellcome (*746)	650	102	117	141	2	10	18
	700	57	80	105	7½	21	28
	750	24	50	75	25	43	52
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastn Elec (*173)	160	21	24	27	3½	7	9
	180	8	13½	16	11	14	18
	200	3	6	8½	28	29	32
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Nat Power (*157)	130	29	33	35	1½	2	3
	140	18	24	26	1½	3	4½
	160	5	11	13	7	10	13
Scot Power (*106)	90	18	21	–	1	1½	–
	100	9	12½	–	2	3½	–
	110	2	6	–	6	7	–

FT-SE INDEX (*2645)

	2500	2550	2600	2650	2700	2750
Calls						
Aug	135½	85½	35½	½	½	½
Sep	173	126	83	44	21	8½
Oct	187	145	105	73	44	25
Nov	209	168	131	96	67	45
Dec	226	–	152	–	90	–
Puts						
Aug	½	½	½	15½	65½	115½
Sep	6	10	16	33	69	111
Oct	14	22	35	50	80	117
Nov	22	31	45	63	88	120
Dec	30	–	52	–	105	–

August 30, 1991 Total: 24760 Calls 14635 Puts 10125 FT-SE: Calls 3217 Puts 3559

*Underlying security price.

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Bondholders indignant as leisure group admits 1990 results were overstated

Brent Walker's annual loss revised to £359m

By Matthew Bond

LORD Kindersley, chairman of Brent Walker, said yesterday the leisure company had "materially overstated" its unaudited results for the six months to July 15, 1990.

Nicholas Ward, the managing director, said the board was not in a position to say by how much the profits had been overstated. "That is part of the serious fraud office investigation," he said.

Lord Kindersley called in the SFO on Wednesday on the advice of the Bank of England, after an internal board review uncovered several alleged irregularities in Brent Walker's past. KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, Brent Walker's auditor, recently completed a review of the 1990 interims.

Brent Walker's admission is likely to infuriate the holders of the company's £102 million convertible bonds, issued in October, because the circular that detailed the bond issue used those results to demonstrate Brent Walker's present trading. The better-than-expected figures showed pre-tax profits rising by 52 per cent to £45.7 million.

Holders of the bonds include Lonrho, Jefferson Smurfit and Hambros Bank. Michael Smurfit, Jefferson Smurfit's chairman, also owns £10 million of the bonds personally. But the biggest holder, with £27 million worth, is George Walker, the company's founder and ousted chief executive. Yesterday, Mr Walker, who is still a non-executive director, had nothing to say about the chairman's announcement.

The pronouncements by the board came as the company finally reported audited figures for 1990, more than three months after reporting unaudited figures for the 12-month period.

The new figures, which have been audited by KPMG Peat Marwick but not yet signed off by the board, wiped a further £200 million off Brent Walker's net assets, leaving the company with a negative net worth of £56 million. Brent Walker's net worth fell by a total of £885 million in 1990.

Lord Kindersley remained confident that Brent Walker's refinancing of its £1.4 billion of debt would not be affected. Standard Chartered, which leads the banking syndicate, is also confident the banks will stay in line to complete the refinancing.

The refinancing is conditional on the approval of the bondholders. Lord Kindersley said new proposals would be put to bondholders in the next fortnight. These proposals would involve bondholders waiving any right of legal redress they might have against the company.

Brent Walker's profit and loss account has also suffered further damage in the restated figures. May's pre-tax loss of £29 million is now restated as a £118 million loss, after exceptional items were increased from £38.1 million to £112 million. The increase is primarily due to a large rise in the provisions against development properties in places like Brighton Marina and Puerto Sherry in Spain from the £6 million reported in May to £72 million this time. Operating profits were also reduced by £15 million because a deal announced in April, to redistribute the assets owned by Walker Power, has not been completed.

Total losses after the restatement rise from £247 million to £359 million on a £20 million increase in extraordinary losses to £221 million. The extraordinary items include a £115 million loss on Brent Walker's media activities, most of which relate to Goldcrest, the film company bought for £5 million in 1987 and sold last year, apparently for £25 million. The Brent Walker board would not confirm whether Goldcrest was one of the areas the SFO was investigating.

Of the additional £195 million in balance sheet write-offs, half relates to the board decision to follow the advice of Weatherall Green & Smith, its external property adviser, which valued the company's development properties at £249 million, £103 million less than the directors' estimate used for May's figures.

JAMES GRAY

Confident despite losses: (from left) Ken Scobie, chief executive, Lord Kindersley, chairman, and Nicholas Ward, managing director, yesterday

Lloyd's dismisses 1988 loss claim

By Jonathan Prynn

DAVID Coleridge, the chairman of Lloyd's of London, has described as "inaccurate" the figures on the market's losses, produced on Thursday by Chatset, the independent publisher of Lloyd's League Tables. His remarks came on the final day for resignations from names who have decided to stop underwriting at the end of the year.

Mr Coleridge said: "Chatset's figures for the 1988 year and run offs were derived from a survey of less than 80 names. Lloyd's figures are based on a computer calculation carried out by the solvency and reporting department of the entire membership participating in the market during 1988."

The level of resignations, however, is expected to be sharply up on last year, when 2,200 left the market.

Lloyd's official line is that up to 5,000 can be expected to resign, but it is also quoting a number of members' agents who have seen last-minute changes of heart among some of their names who have decided to trade through their 1988 and 1989 losses.

A more important factor may be the number of names who are unable to meet the stiffer solvency requirements, which come into effect for all names this year. One leading commentator on Lloyd's estimated that up to 2,500 names may be forced to leave the market because of these requirements.

Coleridge: figures "wrong"

The official, final tally for the number of names remaining at Lloyd's in 1992 will not be known until much later in the year, however. They have until the October 31 deadline to demonstrate they can meet the solvency tests.

Airbus wins extra Northwest order

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

NORTHWEST Airlines has ordered ten more mini-jumbo A340 aircraft from Airbus Industrie, taking its total commitments for planes from the European consortium to almost $10 billion.

The latest $1.4 billion order, which includes four firm purchases of A340s and six options, confirms the position of the American carrier as Airbus's largest customer.

The order also highlights the attractions of the four-engined A340 against its principal American rival, the twin-engined Boeing 777. Northwest said it planned to operate the A340s on routes across the Pacific. Airbus says that the plane's four engines are more efficient than two on long-haul routes, and provide greater safety on flights over the sea.

British Aerospace, which is chaired by Professor Sir Roland Smith, and which builds the wings for all Airbus planes and holds a 20 per cent stake in the consortium, stands to gain at least $280 million of work.

Total contracts for British companies from the latest round of Northwest orders will top $350 million. The planes are expected to be powered by CFM56 engines made jointly by Snecma of France and General Electric of America.

Sir Roland: $280m of work

Northwest will operate the A340, the largest aircraft in the Airbus stable, with only 251 seats, compared with a designed capacity of up to 440.

In total, Northwest has ordered or taken options on 30 A340s. Deliveries are scheduled to begin in 1993. Northwest is already operating 20 Airbus A320 planes, with 80 more on order, and is buying 30 A321s and 16 A330s.

Jupiter to take over Tyndall

By Neil Bennett

JUPITER Tarbutt Merlin, the investment manager, is paying £34 million for Tyndall, the banking and investment group. The combined group, named Jupiter Tyndall, will control £1.3 billion in managed funds and cash deposits.

Jupiter is offering cash and shares worth 61p for each Tyndall share. There is an all-cash alternative of 53½p a share.

The offer had been expected since April, when Jupiter bought a 2.9 per cent stake in Tyndall and Tyndall's management announced that it was in bid talks. The move is the latest in a succession of deals for Jupiter which have allowed it to grow from nowhere in the past five years.

The company went public last March through a reverse takeover of Vantage Securities.

Jupiter made a pre-tax profit of £549,000 on a pro forma basis in the first half of the year, its first results since it became public. The group is paying an interim dividend of 2p.

The merger marks the end of a disastrous period for Tyndall, during which it lost an estimated £115 million, almost all its shareholders' funds, in its Australian fund management arm, since sold. John Duffield, Jupiter's chairman, said his company had been drawn to Tyndall's two banks in London and the Isle of Man, which control deposits of £350 million.

He said the banks were sound since they used their assets in the wholesale money markets and incurred few bad debts.

Mr Duffield said Tyndall's banks have lost 8 per cent of their wholesale deposits since the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International and fears about the liquidity of some of the country's smaller banks.

He said, however, that the loss would have little impact on profits. He added: "We have looked closely at Tyndall since it has lost 90 per cent of its shareholders' funds and we do not want it to lose 90 per cent of ours."

ICI sets up agricultural projects in Ukraine

By Wolfgang Münchau, European Business Correspondent

ICI, Britain's largest exporter to the Soviet Union, is to extend its activities in Ukraine with two agricultural projects after the republic's declaration of independence this week.

The company, whose trade with the Soviet Union totalled £100 million last year, yesterday announced a joint venture with the 40 Years October Farm, the largest in a collective of 300 farms around Kiev, the capital of Ukraine.

Under this venture, called Agroprogress, ICI will provide know-how in practical agronomy and cropping systems throughout the farming collective. The additional yields will be sold for hard currency, which will finance the import of essential modern farming equipment and agrichemicals, including fertilisers. ICI hopes these new inputs will further improve efficiency.

ICI already had a consultancy arrangement with the 40 Year October Farm, which it claims helped the farm to double its yields of winter wheat and treble output of forage peas.

Ukragrobusiness, the second project, sponsored by the Ukrainian agriculture ministry, envisages the production of agricultural equipment and animal products to be sold for hard currency, which will be used to import western agricultural inputs. In both cases, ICI will be given priority supply rights.

The joint ventures are expected to be operational in the 1992 season. John Mitchell, head of ICI central and eastern Europe, said the deals "are ideally suited to make the most of the new atmosphere in the Soviet Union. They will give ICI a strong base, enabling it to serve customers directly rather than simply through the central state network, and are a further step towards the development of a market economy".

GA cuts policy benefits

By Sara McConnell

GENERAL Accident has raised premiums by 20 per cent on the mortgage protection plans it underwrites for Abbey National customers and has cut most of the main benefits. Similar increases will be phased in over the next four months for customers of over 60 other lenders with policies underwritten by GA.

Mortgage protection insurance covers mortgage payments if the borrower is made redundant or cannot work through illness. Now the exclusion times before the Abbey Paymentcare policy will pay out have become longer and the number of payouts made under the policy has decreased. Payouts for disability and unemployment will start 12 weeks after a claim has been made, instead of eight weeks. The number of monthly disability payments has been cut to 36 from 60.

GA blames a big increase in redundancy claims and the recession for the changes. Jim Hunter, manager creditor at GA, said: "If we had simply passed on a premium increase, we would have had to charge much more. We had to look at other ways of putting through the increase and a reduction in benefits was the most realistic.

The decrease in benefits will affect existing customers who bought the cover using the old schedule. Mr Hunter said: "They did not buy a specific level of benefits."

The Abbey National said it encouraged policyholders to take out the cover, introduced in May 1987, but it could not say how many of its 2 million borrowers had done so.

Robert Langton, who has an Abbey National mortgage on his cottage in Oxfordshire, said: "I got a note saying the premium was going up but nowhere did they point out the reductions in benefits."

GA, which collects premiums on behalf of the Abbey National, admitted the reductions in benefits had not been spelt out. Mr Hunter said: "We tell people to keep their schedules and expect them to look at them and compare."

Shake-up at Continental after loss

From Philip Robinson
in New York

CONTINENTAL Bank, one of the few American banks to be nationalised after a record $4.5 billion collapse in 1984, is back in the red.

It has cut its dividend by 40 cent, will take a $175 million restructuring charge against profits, which will push third-quarter figures into a loss, resign as a primary dealer in the government securities market and cut between 250 and 300 jobs from its 5,000 workforce, many in London and Tokyo.

Just two months ago, the American government sold its remaining 26 per cent in the bank to the public for $174 million, or $12.75 per share. The price lost 75 cents to $12.50 in early trading on Wall Street yesterday. The restructuring will refocus its business on the American domestic market.

Bad loan and credit losses for the $25 billion bank will total $803 million in the third quarter that ends today. The bank will make a net loss for the quarter when it reports on October 15. It has cut the quarterly dividend from 25 to 15 cents. Profits have been falling since 1988 when they peaked at $315 million. They were $75 million last year.

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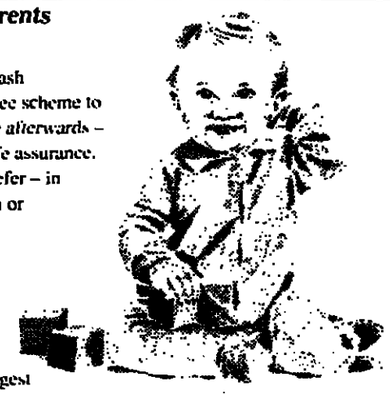

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'Relentless pursuit of profits' blamed for Japanese scandals

Banking bubble bursts with apologies

Tokyo – Three Japanese bank chiefs performed ritualised apologies before a parliamentary enquiry yesterday for their banks' roles in a web of scandals. But their remarkably similar words rang hollow to analysts hoping for fundamental changes.

The apologies were delivered before a special lower house panel investigating financial scandals born out of Japan's "bubble economy" of soaring stock and property markets in the Eighties.

Robert Zielinski, an analyst at Jardine Fleming, said: "It's ritual repentance . . . I think they want to get away with self-criticism and promises never to do it again. It's like a proxy for fundamental change."

Yo Kurosawa, president of the Industrial Bank of Japan, said: "We deeply regret betraying the public trust in us."

Toru Hashimoto, the Fuji Bank president, said: "We deeply apologise for a series of scandals involving our bank."

Sotoo Tatsumi, president of Sumitomo Bank, said: "I'd like to apologise for damaging public trust in Japan's financial industry."

The three banks are among the many financial institutions, including top brokerages, entangled in the scandals.

Mr Kurosawa faced peristent questioning on Thursday over why his bank lent massive amounts to an Osaka restaurant owner now under arrest on suspicion of using fraudulent documents to obtain the loans from IBJ and other financial institutions.

All he could do was admit that the bank's system of checking customer credit had, in this case, proved inadequate. "I deeply regret that we made abnormal loans to an individual because we did not observe the necessary prudence," Mr Kurosawa said.

As of end-October 1990, IBJ had lent 240 billion yen (£1 billion) to Nui Onoue, an Osaka restaurant owner with a penchant for stock market speculation. Rumours have also linked Ms Onoue to a crime syndicate, but Mr Kurosawa said the bank had no knowledge that she was involved with gangsters.

Most panel members appeared dissatisfied with Mr Kurosawa's replies. "I cannot understand and I am still puzzled why IBJ lent so much money to such a person," said an opposition member.

Mr Tatsumi and Mr Hashimoto said the root of the scandals was the relentless pursuit of profits. "It cannot be denied our excessive emphasis on profits made our men lose their sense of proper judgment," said Mr Tatsumi.

Sumitomo – Japan's most profitable bank – has had its image tarnished by links to scandals, including dubious investments by former executives of Itoman Corporation, the trading house; an advance into legitimate business by a crime syndicate boss; and the rise of a high-flying speculator under arrest on charges of share price manipuation and extortion.

Fuji has been tainted by the arrest of three former employees for allegedly forging documents worth more than $1 billion used for loan collateral, and by its heavy exposure to an Osaka credit union now in financial difficulties.

Authorities, analysts say, have been serious about stamping out the excesses of the bubble economy revealed in the financial scandals. But with the market in a slump and the economy slowing, officials may hope the scandals will fade.

"The economy is coming up against the attack on the financial system. They have to get the attacks out of the way so that they can ease credit," Mr Zielinski said. (Reuter)

SR Gent in profit warning

SHARES in SR Gent, a supplier of clothing to Marks & Spencer, fell 10p to 43p when Gent gave warning that profits for the year to end-June would be in the region of £1 million before an extraordinary charge of about £2 million. Gent made £5 million in the previous year. The shares recovered to close at 49p. The board expects to recommend a final dividend of 0.75p (1.75p), making 2p, a reduction of 1p.

Sales in the second half became much more difficult as the trading climate continued to deteriorate, exacerbated by the increase in the rate of VAT. Gent is carrying out a review of its production resources, which is likely to result in the loss of a number of jobs and the closure of some manufacturing plants.

Sale in red

Sale Tilney, the troubled mini-conglomerate, has reduced its taxable loss from £3.9 million to £3.7 million for the half year to end-July. There is again no dividend. Andrew Coppel, group chief executive, said the extent of any recovery would depend on a tangible improvement in the economic environment.

SEET loss rises

Pre-tax losses at SEET, the Harris tweed manufacturer, jumped from £336,000 to £1.25 million in the year to the end of April. Once again, there is no dividend.

Ashcroft buys

Michael Ashcroft, the chairman of ADT, has acquired 300,000 ADT American Depository Receipts at an average price of $8.46.

Shaw purchase

Arthur Shaw, the manufacturer of window fittings, is buying Knowles & Rissbrook, a maker of industrial fasteners, for £604,000 in cash.

Emap director

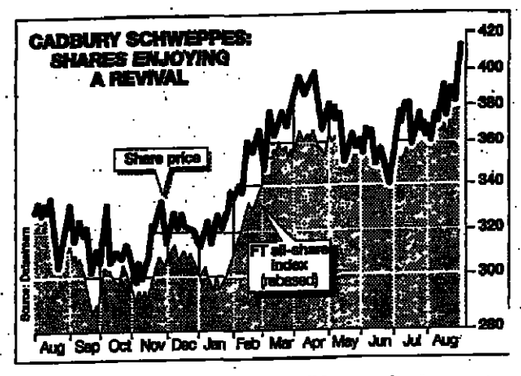
Elizabeth Rees-Jones, managing director of Murdoch Magazines for the past four years, has been appointed executive director of Emap Consumer Magazines.

STOCK MARKET

Cadbury Schweppes shares rise as bid talk continues

BUYING for the new account on Monday lifted **Cadbury Schweppes**, the confectionery and soft drinks group, 16p to 418p in a thin market as talk persisted that the group could soon be the target of a bid. That takes the rise on the week to 32p with a total of 5.6 million shares traded.

General Cinema built up an 18 per cent stake in the company a few years ago and, more recently, there have been claims that Suchard or Philip Morris, the American food and tobacco group, wanted to bid. There are signs, however, that the revival in the shares may be more fundamental after they were overlooked during the market's recent record-breaking run.



Two rights issues from P&O, up 4p at 581p, and Ladbroke, 5p better at 284p, have alerted the City to the fact that a queue is forming. The market has been looking for others. British Aerospace heads the list, with the price falling 10p to 555p, after 550p, making a two-day loss of 21p.

Interim pre-tax profits, expected on September 11, are forecast to rise from £104.7 million to £110 million. Basking in the reflected glory, **United Biscuits** rose 11p to 409p.

The rest of the equity market ended the three week trading account on a firm note with the FT-SE 100 index advancing 7.5 to an all-time closing high of 2,645.7 — a rise on the account of 48.3. The past three weeks will be stamped on investors' minds for some time after the events in Russia pushed share prices in London down 5 per cent at one stage, before recovering their composure and going on to better things.

Dealers are now eagerly awaiting the new account and forecasting that the index will breach the 2,650 mark quickly, helped by another possible cut in base rates. Government securities took their lead from a lower American bond market where prices were affected by a 6.2 per cent leap in factory orders, the largest since 1970. Prices at the longer end closed with losses of £¼.

Shares in **Allied-Lyons** rose 13p to 596p. There is talk that Anheuser Busch, the American brewing group, wants to make an offer. **Bass** ran into profit taking, falling 9p to 588p in the wake of a buy recommendation earlier this week by Goldman Sachs, the New York securities house.

Elsewhere, **Grand Metropolitan** rose 3p to 829p while **Whitbread** A slipped 2p to 495p and **Scottish & Newcastle** eased 1p to 410p as a line of 1.4 million shares came on offer.

Boddington, the pubs and nursing homes group, held steady at 162p after paying £6 million for Hey (UK), the drinks wholesaler. Earlier this year, Boddington disposed of its brewing interests.

Brent Walker, the troubled property and leisure group, slipped 2p to 18p after announcing it had revised operating profits downwards.

Standard Chartered, the international banking group, *fell 4p to 373p, despite learning* that Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puat, the Malaysian businessman, had been quietly topping up his holding with the purchase of an extra 2.37 million shares, taking his total holding in the company to 28.2 million shares, or 12.06 per cent.

WPP Group, the debt-laden advertising agency, was a nervous market in late trading, touching 92p before closing 7p lower 105p. Dealers blamed a large seller for the setback. Panmure Gordon, the broker, is believed to have placed 2 million shares with various institutions at about 85p.

MICHAEL CLARK

WALL STREET

Weaker bonds send Dow lower

New York

BLUE chips showed small losses in morning trading, weighed down by weak bonds that suffered from profit-taking and a higher-than-expected rise in the leading American economic indicators for July.

The Dow Jones industrial average was two points lower at 3,047.64. The difference between falling and rising shares was less than 100 issues.

☐ **Tokyo** — Prices closed broadly higher on hopes for easier credit, but were slightly below the day's highs as pre-weekend caution sent investors to the sidelines in late trading. The Nikkei index rose 333.70 points, or 1.52 per cent, to 22,335.87. The Nikkei has gained 270.53 points on the week.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Shares ended firmer in sluggish trading dominated by buying of selected blue chips which sent the Hang Seng index up 38.03 points to 3,998.26.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The market ended mixed to slightly lower in quiet, end-of-the-month trading, although there was a smattering of buying in a number of blue chips. The Dax index fell 5 points to 1,650.50. *(Reuter)*

	Aug 30 midday	Aug 29 close		Aug 30 midday	Aug 29 close		Aug 30 midday	Aug 29 close
Abbott Lab	53⅝	54⅛	Eaton	64¼	65⅞	Cryo Entry	35⅝	37⅞
Aetna Life	38	38	Enterprise	24⅞	24⅝	Pac Ent	29⅝	29⅞
Ahmanson	18⅞	18⅞	Ethyl	25⅝	25⅝	Pac Gas Elec	27⅞	27⅞
Air Prods	58⅝	58⅞	Exxon	58⅝	58⅝	Pac Telesis	43⅝	43
Alberto-Cul	42⅞	42⅞	Fed NMA	60⅝	60⅞	Pacific	47⅞	48⅞
Alcan Al	20⅞	20⅞	Fedd Expre	39⅝	39⅞	Pacificorp	22⅝	22⅞
Allied Signal	36⅞	36⅞	Fst Nowler	25⅞	25⅞	Pall	39⅞	40⅞
Allnatt CA	69	69⅞	Fluor	44⅞	44⅞	Paramount	38⅞	38⅞
Am Brands	44⅞	45	FMC	48⅞	49	Parker-Hanfn	26⅞	26⅞
Am Cyanamid	68⅞	68⅞	Ford Motor	31	31⅞	Penney	51⅞	52⅞
Am EPC	29⅞	30	FPL	32⅞	32⅞	Pennzoil	57⅞	58⅞
Am General	38⅞	38⅞	Fst Chicago	27⅞	27⅞	Pepsico	52⅞	53
Am Home	84⅞	84⅞	Fst Intrst	33⅞	34⅞	Pfizer	65⅞	66⅞
Am Intl	84	84⅞	Fst Union	28⅞	28⅞	Phelps Pat	28⅞	28⅞
Am Stores	40	40⅞	Gannett	46	46⅞	Phildpe Elec	21⅞	21⅞
Amoco	51	51⅞	Gen Cinema	43⅞	43⅞	Phip Morris	73⅞	74⅞
Amax	22⅞	22⅞	Gen Elec	74⅞	74⅞	Phips Dodge	70⅞	71⅞
Amer Home	58⅞	60⅞	Gen Mills	63⅞	64	Pitney Bow	60	60⅞
Amr Reach	61⅞	62	Gen Motors	37⅞	38⅞	Placer Do	10⅞	11
Ameritech	28⅞	28⅞	Gen RE	62⅞	63⅞	PNC Fnl	41⅞	41⅞
Amoco	52⅞	52⅞	Gen Signal	45⅞	46⅞	Potnds Extn	12⅞	13⅞
AMP	53	53⅞	Genuine Pts	41	40⅞	PPG Inds	25⅞	25⅞
AMR	59⅞	59⅞	Georgia-Pac	56⅞	57⅞	Pruk Gmble	55⅞	55⅞
Ambuzer-B	53⅞	54⅞	Gillette	43⅞	43⅞	Prime	64	64
Apple Comp	53	n/a	Goodrich	44⅞	44⅞	Primerica	33⅞	33⅞
Archer-Dan	25⅞	25⅞	Goodyear	36⅞	36⅞	Pub Service	28⅞	28⅞
Arkla	17⅞	17⅞	Grace	38⅞	37⅞	Quaker Oats	59⅞	60⅞
Armco	4⅞	4⅞	Greyhound	36⅞	36⅞	Ralston Pur	51	51⅞
Armstrong	32⅞	32⅞	Gt Atlantic	38⅞	38⅞	Raychem	32⅞	32⅞
Asarco	38⅞	38⅞	Gt Western	18⅞	19⅞	Raytheon	52⅞	52⅞
Ashland Oil	30⅞	30⅞	GTE	39⅞	39	Reebok	62⅞	62⅞
AT&T	39	39⅞	Halliburtn	38⅞	38⅞	Rockwell	49⅞	49⅞
Atlan Richfld	110⅞	110⅞	Helmz	44⅞	44⅞	Rohm Haas	26⅞	26⅞
Avon DP	34⅞	34⅞	Hercules	40⅞	41⅞	Royal Dutch	46⅞	47⅞
Avery Dsnn	23⅞	23⅞	Hershey Fd	41⅞	42	Rubbermaid	57⅞	57⅞
Avoci Prod	46⅞	46⅞	Hewlett Pkd	52⅞	53⅞	Ryder Sys	61⅞	62⅞
Baltimore	31⅞	31⅞	Hilton Hd	40⅞	41	Ryder Intl	37⅞	38⅞
Banc One	45⅞	46	Home Depot	53⅞	53⅞	Safeco	24⅞	24⅞
BankAmerica	42⅞	42⅞	Homestake	14⅞	14⅞	Safeway	9⅞	10
Bard	33⅞	33⅞	Honeywell	57⅞	57⅞	Saint Fe Pac	44⅞	45⅞
Barnett Bk	34⅞	34⅞	Houston Ind	37⅞	37⅞	Sara Lee	43⅞	43⅞
Bausch Lmb	47⅞	48⅞	Howlett Ind	55⅞	55⅞	Schlumbrg	72⅞	73⅞
Baxter Intl	35⅞	35⅞	Humana	32⅞	32⅞	Schwabp	58⅞	57⅞
Bec Dickin	58⅞	58⅞	IBM	84⅞	85⅞	Sears-Rgh	41⅞	41⅞
Bell Atlan	46⅞	46⅞	IMX	88⅞	88⅞	Scott Papr	116⅞	118
Bellsouth	48⅞	48⅞	INAT	83⅞	84⅞	Seagram	41⅞	41⅞
Blr Hughes	27⅞	28⅞	Illinois TW	34⅞	34⅞	Sears Rbk	35⅞	35⅞
Black Decker	18⅞	18⅞	Inco	48⅞	48⅞	Sherry Pac	23⅞	24⅞
Block	38	38⅞	Ingsol-Rand	22	22⅞	Shrwin-Wllms	14⅞	15⅞
Bdns Tst NY	58⅞	58⅞	Inland Steel	40⅞	41⅞	Skyline	30⅞	32⅞
Boeing	49⅞	50	Intel	60⅞	60⅞	Smp-on Tls	27⅞	27⅞
Boise Casc	27⅞	27⅞	Int Paper	60	60	Southern	63⅞	64⅞
Borden	36	36⅞	ITT	23⅞	23⅞	St Paul	40⅞	41
Brist-Myer	67⅞	67⅞	Jones River	22⅞	22	Stanley Wk	21⅞	22
Brlngtn Nr	35	35⅞	Johnson Jhsn	48⅞	48⅞	Stone Cntr	32⅞	32⅞
Burl Nth	34⅞	34⅞	K Mart	108⅞	108⅞	Sun Co	34⅞	34
CAI	8⅞	8⅞	Kellogg	42⅞	42⅞	Sunst Bk	28⅞	28⅞
Campbell Sp	54⅞	55⅞	Kerr-McGee	22	22⅞	Super Valu	54⅞	54⅞
Cap Cities	489⅞	489⅞	Kimbly-Clrk	55	55⅞	SW Bell	45⅞	47⅞
Capital HC	48⅞	48⅞	Knight-Ridr	39⅞	39⅞	Synkor	46⅞	47⅞
Carolina	47⅞	47⅞	Litly	28⅞	29	Sysco	12⅞	13
Caterpillar	47⅞	47⅞	Lnbrd	70	71⅞	Tandem	28⅞	28⅞
CBS	160⅞	162	Lin Bndcstg	48⅞	49⅞	Tandy	33⅞	33⅞
Central SW	47⅞	47⅞	Lincln Nat	37⅞	38⅞	Tele-comm	20⅞	20⅞
Champion	28⅞	28⅞	Litton Ind	41⅞	41⅞	Teledyne	47⅞	48⅞
Chase Man	30⅞	30⅞	Lockheed	45	45	Templ-In	40⅞	40⅞
Chem Bnkg	38⅞	38⅞	Louis-Pac	23⅞	23⅞	Tenneco	63⅞	64⅞
Chevron	71⅞	71⅞	Manu Hano	17⅞	17⅞	Texaco	31⅞	31⅞
Chrysler	12⅞	12⅞	Marriott	76⅞	76⅞	Texas Inst	37⅞	37⅞
Chubb	64⅞	64⅞	Marsh Mclen	62⅞	63⅞	Texas Util	33	33⅞
Cigna	42⅞	42⅞	Martin Mar	23⅞	24	Textron	63⅞	63⅞
Citicorp	14⅞	14⅞	Masco	29⅞	30⅞	Thse Wtrs	31⅞	32
Citrns Lic	48⅞	48⅞	May Dept	14⅞	14⅞	Times Mirr	28⅞	28
Clorox	41⅞	41⅞	Mayflwr	54⅞	55⅞	Timken	50⅞	50⅞
Coca-Cola	58⅞	58⅞	McDnl Doug	32⅞	33⅞	Torchmark	35⅞	36⅞
Colgate-Pal	41	41⅞	McDonlds	54⅞	54⅞	Toys R Us	33⅞	33⅞
Colinlb Gas	18	18	McGraw-Hill	29⅞	29	Travelers	18⅞	18⅞
Comdisc	35⅞	36⅞	MCI Cpn	34⅞	34⅞	Tribune	46	46⅞
Conagra	47⅞	47⅞	Mead	67	131⅞	TRW	43	43⅞
Cons Edis	28⅞	29⅞	Medtronic	33⅞	33⅞	Tyco Lab	41⅞	41⅞
Cons NG	41⅞	41⅞	Mellon Bk	48⅞	48⅞	UAL	138⅞	138⅞
Cons Rail	72⅞	72⅞	Merck	127⅞	128⅞	Un Camp	44⅞	45⅞
Cooper Ind	55⅞	56⅞	Merill Lynch	41⅞	42⅞	Un Carbide	21⅞	21⅞
Corning	70⅞	70⅞	Minnesota	66⅞	67⅞	Un Pacific	68⅞	68⅞
CPC Intl	52⅞	52⅞	Mobil	69	69⅞	Unilever	80⅞	81
Crown Cork	66⅞	67	Monsanto	74	74⅞	Unisys	n/a	n/a
CSX	51⅞	51⅞	Moore	24⅞	25⅞	Unocal	28⅞	28⅞
Dana	29⅞	29⅞	Morgan JP	55⅞	56⅞	Upjohn	44⅞	45
Dayton-Hud	78⅞	79⅞	Motorola	67⅞	68⅞	US Life	40⅞	41⅞
Deere	52⅞	53⅞	Nat Medical	46⅞	46⅞	US West	36⅞	36⅞
Delta Air	68⅞	69⅞	Nat Steel	5	5⅞	Unsb Gp	12⅞	12⅞
Deluxe	46⅞	46⅞	Nat Service	24⅞	24⅞	USF&G	6⅞	7
Detroit Ed	30⅞	30⅞	Nevistar	3	3⅞	UST	48	47⅞
Digital Eq	60⅞	63⅞	NCNB	36⅞	36⅞	USX Mar	32⅞	33
Disney	118⅞	118⅞	NCR	100	100	Utd Tech	47⅞	47⅞
Dominion	48⅞	48⅞	NERVistas	41⅞	41⅞	Utd Telcm	28⅞	28⅞
Donnelley	47	47⅞	Newmt Min	35⅞	36⅞	VF	32⅞	32⅞
Dover	38⅞	38⅞	Nike	48⅞	49⅞	Wal-Mart	50	49⅞
Dow Chem	55⅞	55⅞	NL Indstrs	15⅞	16	Waste Mgmt	39⅞	39⅞
Dow Jones	28	28⅞	Northrop	48	48⅞	Wells Fargo	77⅞	78⅞
Dresser Ind	20⅞	20⅞	Norfk Sthrn	68	69	Westg Elec	23⅞	23⅞
Du Pont	48	48⅞	Norwest	31⅞	32	Weyerhsr	27⅞	28⅞
Duke Pwr	38	38	Nthn StPwr	37⅞	37⅞	Whirlpool	36⅞	36⅞
Dun Bradst	44⅞	44⅞	Nthn Telecm	39⅞	40⅞	Williams	13⅞	13⅞
East Kodak	43⅞	43⅞	NY Times	22⅞	22⅞	Wlan-Dlob	37	37⅞
Eaton	64⅞	64⅞	Nucor	75⅞	75⅞	Woolworth	30⅞	30⅞
Emerson El	49⅞	50	Occid Petol	24⅞	24⅞	Wrigley	62⅞	62⅞
			Ohio Ed	19⅞	19⅞	Wnar-Lamb	72⅞	73⅞
			Oracle Sys	11⅞	11⅞	Xerox	58⅞	59

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	1,034	Cadbury	5,634	Lonrho	1,563	Royal Bank	2,131
Alld-Lyons	2,006	CU	349	Lucas	1,120	Royal Ins	1,796
Anglian	438	Courtaulds	494	M&S	2,065	Salisbury	2,065
ASDA	2,500	Enterprise	546	Maxwell Cm	106	Scot & N	3,037
AB Foods	870	Eurotunnel	448	MEPC	180	Scot Power	7,993
Argyll	3,949	Fisons	1,618	Midland	1,463	Sears	1,232
Arjo Wigg	300	Forte	2,035	Natl Power	9,958	Severn Trnt	99
BAA	1,809	Gen Acc	498	Nat West	2,275	Shell	1,504
BET	1,032	GEC	5,667	N W Water	436	Smith & N	3,149
BTR	4,197	Glaxo	1,159	P&O	1,199	SK Beech	480
BAT	1,340	Grand Met	842	Pearson	568	Sun Alliance	1,053
Barclays	1,238	GUS 'A'	251	Pilkington	1,453	Tarmac	2,072
Bass	1,082	GRE	3,207	PowerGen	6,336	Tate Lyle	812
BICC	1,122	Guinness	1,249	Prudential	1,506	TSB	1,371
Bk Scotlnd	550	Hanson	2,983	Racal	4,496	Tesco	1,981
Blue Circle	660	Hawker	282	Rank	1,123	Thames Wtr	1,331
BOC	886	Hillsdown	1,206	R&C	311	Thorn EMI	496
Boots	764	ICI	1,384	Redland	648	Trafalgar	3,420
Br Aero	804	Inchcape	204	Reed	576	Ultramar	1,210
Br Airways	1,126	Kingfisher	1,382	Rentokil	447	Unilever	953
Br Gas	3,790	Lasmo	917	Reuters	327	United Bis	1,636
Br Petrol	6,270	Ladbroke	4,241	RMC Gp	49	Wellcome	409
Br Steel	6,515	Land Sec	348	RTZ	686	Whitbrd	219
Br Telecm	4,823	L&G	626	R-Royce	9,324	Williams	690
C&W	1,116	Lloyds	859	Rothmans 'B'	142	Willis Cor	692

MAJOR INDICES

New York:	
Dow Jones	3035.11 (-14.53)*
S&P Composite	394.04 (-2.43)*
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	22335.87 (+333.70)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	3998.26 (+38.03)
FT-SE Euro 100	1125.84 (+1.02)
Amsterdam:	
CBS Tendency	91.2 (-0.2)
Sydney: AO	1540.4 (-0.1)
Frankfurt: DAX	1650.50 (-5.00)
Brussels:	
General	5640.68 (+8.09)
Paris: CAC	466.71 (-1.07)
Zurich: SKA Gen.	539.2 (+0.1)
London:	
FT-A All-Share	1268.62 (+3.31)
FT-"500"	1407.79 (+4.56)
FT. Gold Mines	149.5 (-8.1)
FT. Fixed Interest	94.94 (+0.03)
FT. Govt Secs	85.96 (-0.02)
Bargains	34096
SEAQ Volume	397.7m
USM (Datastream)	128.96 (+0.60)

*Denotes midday trading price

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES		
Aberforth Smlr (100p)	122	+1
Aberforth Split (100p)	103	
Airbreak Lsis	37	
Alliance Res	20	
Capital Ventures	110	
Claremont Gmts (175p)	191	-1
Contra-Cyclical (100p)	106	
County Smlr Inv	96	
Culver Hldgs (4p)	5½	
Drayton Blue Chip (100p)	99	-1
EFM Inc Tst (65p)	57	
East Germany Inv (100p)	120	
Elontbrook	68	
Eurocamp (225p)	243	
Fleming Emerg Mkt	97½	-1
Gartmore Inc (100p)	109	
Gartmore Cap (100p)	96	+2
Geared Inc (100p)	100	
Greencore	238	
Headline Book (100p)	129	
Lowndes Lambert (290p)	322	-1
Manchester Utd (365p)	279	+2
Mirror Group (125p)	103	
Moorgate Smlr Cos (100p)	106	
Onyx Gold	135	
Simpson of Cornhl	47	
Sterling Tst	45	
Tollgate	95	+2
Trio Inv Tst (50p)	43	
US Smaller	103	

● *See main prices page for Electricity shares*

RIGHTS ISSUES		
Allied Holograph N/P	9	
Beaverco N/P	1¼	
Benson Gp N/P	1½	
Bimec Ind N/P	25½	+½
Capital&Cts N/P	10	
Naven Res N/P	1¼	
Pelican Gp N/P	2	-½
Try Gp N/P	8	

(issue price in brackets).

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
August 19	September 6	November 21	December 2

Call options were taken out on: 30/8/91 Arlen, Interlink Express, Mountleigh. Puts: Maxwell, St Ives.

UNIT LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE 071-837 9494				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	15.40	16.22	+0.03	..
Bear	15.52	16.32	..	..
Owl	15.75	16.58	-0.04	..
Bull	14.33	15.09	-0.05	..
Stag	14.68	15.46	-0.03	..
Gilt Edged	14.42	..	+0.03	..
Deposit	13.71	..	+0.02	..
Pensions				
Squirrel	19.85	20.89	+0.04	..
Bear	19.71	20.75	..	..
Owl	20.16	21.23	-0.04	..
Bull	17.44	18.36	-0.07	..
Stag	17.18	18.08	-0.03	..
Gilt Edged	16.96	..	+0.03	..
Deposit	16.94	..	+0.03	..
Except App Mfed	189.5	199.3	-0.70	..
ABBEY LIFE 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292973				
Property Fund Inc	274.3	288.8	+0.2	..
Do Accum	445.5	469.0	+0.2	..
Equity Fund Income	135.3	142.4	..	..
Do Accum	168.0	174.8	-0.1	..
Selective Fund	368.8	388.3	+0.6	..
Money Fund	318.2	332.9	+0.5	..
Prop Fd Ser 4	358.2	378.0	+0.1	..
Equity Ser 4	167.6	176.5	-1.1	..
Man Ser 4	482.8	508.3	-1.1	..
Conv Ser 4	279.7	294.5	+0.5	..
Money Ser 4	278.4	294.2	+0.4	..
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	264.0	277.9	..	..
Managed Ser 4	364.1	383.3	+2.6	..
High Inc Ser 4	305.9	322.0	+0.8	..
Indexed Inv Ser 4	157.1	165.4	+0.9	..
Japan Ser 4	277.1	291.7	-1.7	..
ALBANY LIFE 3, Dorset Lane, Potters Bar 0707 42811				
Equity Fd Acc	£12.13	12.76	+0.01	..
European Fd Accum	253.3	271.8	+3.0	..
Fixed Int Acc	238.6	251.1	+0.8	..
Gtd Money Fd Acc	285.1	300.0	+0.5	..
Intl Man Fd Acc	425.9	448.3	+1.6	..
Ld Fed Int Fd Acc	257.3	242.7	+0.6	..
Japan Fund	179.9	189.4	-1.5	..
Nth American Fd Acc	238.1	250.6	+2.4	..
Prop Fd Acc	336.1	352.7	+0.9	..
Multiple Inv Acc	769.4	810.9	+1.4	..
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 0793-514514				
Fixed Int Dep Accum	319.8	336.5	+0.4	..
Equity Accum	£10.44	10.99	+0.01	..
Property Accum	497.5	513.2	+0.1	..
Far East Accum	201.2	211.8	+0.9	..
Managed Capital	434.9	457.8	+0.5	..
Do Accum	612.1	644.9	+1.2	..
Overseas Access	727.9	766.2	+3.2	..
Gtd Equity Accum	353.1	371.7	+0.9	..
Amer Equity Access	557.5	587.4	+1.0	..
Amer Man Access	252.5	265.8	+0.3	..
Amer Prop Access	128.0	134.8	-0.9	..
ASTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrd Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Freephone 0800 832 390				
International	213.6	224.9	+1.74	..
High Income	169.2	169.2	..	..
Income & Growth	304.5	320.5	+0.70	..
Smlr Resource	132.9	139.9	+0.26	..
American	236.7	277.9	+1.40	..
Japan & General	365.1	405.5	-6.86	..
Special Situations	251.4	264.8	-0.13	..
BARCLAYS LIFE 252, Romford Rd, London E7 9JB 081-534 5544				
Equity Accum	644.7	678.7	+3.8	..
Do Initial	477.3	502.5	+3.7	..
Gilt Edged Accum	273.5	284.3	+0.9	..
Do Initial	208.8	219.8	+0.5	..
International Accum	208.1	220.1	+2.5	..
Do Initial	203.8	225.1	-2.9	..
Managed Accum	401.7	422.9	+1.5	..
Do Initial	298.6	314.4	+0.5	..
Money Accum	248.7	262.9	+0.5	..
Do Initial	183.3	193.8	+0.3	..
Property Accum	280.2	295.0	+0.3	..
Do Initial	208.8	217.7	+0.2	..
Aquatics Accum	201.1	211.7	+1.7	..
Do Initial	151.8	159.8	+1.1	..
Aquatics Accum	165.6	163.8	-0.8	..
Do Initial	117.7	123.9	-1.6	..
Financial Accum	225.8	237.7	+0.1	..
Do Initial	170.4	179.4	+0.8	..
500 Accum	318.9	332.8	+1.5	..
Do Initial	236.8	249.4	+2.5	..
Japan 50Gm Acc 2	108.2	122.2	-3.7	..
Do Initial 2	212.3	223.5	-5.1	..
Income Accum	398.6	420.1	+0.1	..
Do Initial	292.0	307.4	+1.9	..
Leisure Access	133.8	139.6	+1.4	..
Special Sits Accum	153.6	161.7	+0.8	..
Univ Tech Accum	107.2	112.9	..	..
Do Initial	82.9	87.3	..	..
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House Chatham Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834000				
The Managed Fund	600.9	..	+1.3	..
Income Fund	604.9	636.7	+0.41	..
Extra Income Fund	594.3	663.4	+10.03	..
Worldwide Growth Fd	373.0	392.7	+0.67	..
Balanced Fund	518.3	545.6	+0.89	..
Smlr Co's & Rc Fd	481.9	507.3	+8.76	..
Int Technology Fund	340.1	358.0	+1.34	..
N Amer & Gen Fund	301.5	317.4	+1.46	..
Energy Int Fund	222.9	235.4	+0.47	..
Pacific Basin Fund	273.8	288.0	-0.14	..
German Growth Fd	174.7	183.9	+4.0	..
Japan Growth Fd	134.8	141.8	-3.80	..
The UK Gth Fd	171.8	180.7	+0.05	..
Cont Eurn Gth	87.47	92.08	+1.09	..
Property Fund	318.5	333.1	+0.30	..
Fixed Interest Fund	240.1	252.8	-0.36	..
Cash Fund	348.8	366.7	+0.30	..
Managed Inv Fund	374.0	393.7	+0.61	..
Irish Amer Recov	178.9	188.3	+2.38	..
Abbrust Fund				
Managed Growth	318.9	335.6	+1.48	..
CANADA LIFE 24, High St, Potters Bar, Herts P Bar 51122				
Equity Growth	217.9	..	+19.7	..
Managed	243.7	256.6	+0.3	..
Property	173.1	182.6	+0.2	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	177.7	187.1	+0.8	..
Index-Linked	146.9	154.7	..	..
Equity	222.4	236.8	+0.5	..
Cash	189.8	199.5	+0.2	..
Can Life Eurn Mg Fd	248.4	261.5	+1.9	..
Can Life Int Fd	254.0	267.4	-0.1	..
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081-902 8876				
Capital Gth Acc	99.9	104.7	+0.4	..
Equity Units	106.61	..	+0.09	..
Property Units	126.89	..	+0.41	.

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Banks muddy the cost of credit

Working out whether it is cheaper to buy something using a credit card, a personal loan or an overdraft is next to impossible for anyone who does not have a first in maths, and an understanding of the different charging methods. Comparing different credit cards is no easier.

The annual percentage rate of charge, which is intended to show the true cost of a loan, no longer reveals which card will work out most expensive.

Now that National Westminster, the last of the big four banks, has announced it is to charge an annual fee, the real cost of the panoply of cards available ought to be clearer for customers to work out. Unfortunately, it has become muddier.

Two cards with identical APRs can charge different amounts of interest for identical spending. If a back street lender was to confuse in this way, he would receive a visit from trading standards officers. When it is the high street banks, we are told it is the result of extensive surveys into what customers really want.

NatWest is now giving customers not only the choice of five different coloured plastic cards, but in doing so it is introducing a different method of charging for the three new cards. Customers of the original Access and Visa cards will continue to pay interest, if they use their cards to borrow, from the statement date. The new cards will charge interest from the date the transaction hits the customer's account. This can involve up to an extra month of interest being charged.

From October, Lloyds Bank will adopt the new instant method of charging, but it will not have to increase the APR quoted. Customers will just have to pay more. Barclays, Midland, and the Halifax changed their charging methods when they introduced charges. TSB, which has no

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annual fee, also starts logging up the interest from when the purchase reaches the account.

The banks say the fault does not lie with the new calculations, which are an honest representation of costs. It is the way APRs are worked out that makes the original system look more expensive than it actually is. The interest-free period is not counted in the sums, but it costs the card issuers a lot of money.

Cardholders considering a change need to ask when the interest starts to be charged. It is also worth noting how expensive they have been in recent years and how quickly they acted to reduce interest rates.

NatWest customers tempted by the half-price £6 fee of the new primary card only have a chance of winning on the annual cost if they always pay off every month in full. High spenders opting for the £35 Visa Gold card, with an APR four percentage points lower, will also have to take care that their timing does not land them with a bigger annual bill than they would have paid by staying put.

Guidelines from the Office of Fair Trading on working out the cost of credit suggest borrowers should compare the total amounts they will have to pay.

If the banks and credit companies really want their customers to understand what they are paying, then a new, simpler way of expressing the interest rate needs to be devised. In the meantime, those cardholders who are no good at mental arithmetic are better off paying their bills in full each month.

Saving grace

The Abbey National's continuing recommendation to its customers to change from a Five Star account paying lower interest to the better value Instant Saver account is encouraging at a time when many bank customers are rightly feeling disillusioned with the cavalier way they are treated by their banks. The Nationwide has justifiably come under fire for not telling customers of a new account paying a better rate, then insisting that those moving to the new account had to wait 90 days.

The ultimate gesture from the Abbey would have been to write to all its Five Star customers telling them about the new account, when it was launched last October. Unfortunately, most customers are so used to junk mail that important information is often thrown away. The next best thing is to make sure the rates on the new account are displayed prominently in the branch and that staff are well informed and can recommend the change, both of which the Abbey has done. Ensuring that people are told of the new account when interest on the Five Star falls due, and they come into the branch to update their passbooks, is a good move to catch those people who do not visit their branches often.

Substantial gains await investors

Small societies are ripe for merger windfalls

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

THE next few months should see a spate of building society mergers, with the potential for substantial windfall gains for investors and mortgage discounts for borrowers.

There has been a lull in the steady reduction in the number of building societies over the past few months, although conditions for smaller societies have become worse, making mergers inevitable for some. Up to ten mergers could be announced by the end of the year, according to building society sources.

Last year began with more than 100 societies vying for mortgage and savings business. By this summer the number had slimmed down to about 90. Further cuts are expected as smaller- and medium-sized societies are forced to consider whether they can have a future on their own.

Acquisitive larger societies may also be keen to bolster their position in the league table.

Since the beginning of last year the Cheltenham & Gloucester, at number six in the league table, has taken over six societies and tried to take over the Frome Selwood, which was already promised to the Stroud & Swindon. The Bradford & Bingley, at number eight, has taken over five societies, the last being the Leamington Spa.

On each occasion, investors in the smaller society received a bonus of up to 5 per cent. However, if a reluctant large society felt obliged to rescue a sickly, smaller society there is unlikely to be much cash to hand out to investors.

The Leeds Permanent, at number five, said in May that it was "in the market to expand its operations by merging with smaller societies". It put up standby funding for the Cheshunt and was widely expected to merge with it, but was pipped by the Bristol & West, at number ten, which announced its marriage to the Hertfordshire society in June.

Talks continue all the time between societies about possible mergers. Those smaller societies with strong reserves and prime high street sites are frequently courted. Until now they have not been interested. But the disastrous economic climate for small societies, particularly in the Southeast, is likely to change that.

The large societies have increased their share of both the mortgage and savings market over the past 18 months. Without a dramatic upturn in the housing market — and none is expected — many societies which have shunned the idea of merger will seriously have to consider approaches before the end of the year. Among these are the societies that made modest provisions last year for mortgage arrears and have since seen the number of borrowers in trouble increase substantially. As they approach their year-ends, they will be making calculations to see whether the much greater provisions they will have to make for 1991 are going to outstrip their profits for the year. When the Leamington Spa was in this position at the beginning of the year the Building Societies Commission made it clear that merger was the best solution.

> *'Without a dramatic upturn in the housing market many societies will have to consider approaches'*

Small societies have seen reduced profits in a difficult market. Small- and medium-sized societies cannot compete with the discounts being offered by the largest lenders to first-time buyers and those borrowing more than £60,000. Some mortgage lenders are offering loans at 1.5 per cent below bank base rates. Small societies have always had to pay a little more to attract retail funds and have then tended to lend it on at a higher rate to people wanting to borrow more than their salary or background would normally allow. That type of business is now frowned upon by the Building Societies Commission, whose capital requirements now ensure there is proper backing for riskier loans if they should turn bad.

They have also been squeezed on savings by postal accounts offered by larger societies. Previously, investors had been prepared to deal by post with small, relatively unknown societies to get the returns. Now they do not have to.

The introduction of an £18,000 ceiling for compensation under the building societies statutory scheme has also hit some of the smaller societies. While the scheme has never had to pay out and no one in living memory has lost money from a building society, the limit of 90 per cent of the first £20,000 of each individual's savings makes some investors nervous. Some have spread their savings around. Others moved to the bigger names.

The failure of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International last month has done most damage to small banks. It must also have reduced the inflow to small societies offering attractive rates.

Potential customers are now nervous of placing money with organisations they do not know anything about and where they cannot have access to their money in the high street.

Ministers have also hammered home the message that investors should be wary if a higher rate of interest is offered by a savings institution.

The Southdown suffered a run on its funds this month when former staff from the Eastbourne Mutual, which had merged with the Sussex County to become the Southdown, started rumours that it had money invested in BCCI. The Woolwich put up standby funds to allay investors' unfounded fears.

The Yorkshire Building Society reported this month that it had attracted a much greater inflow of funds from local authorities since the collapse of BCCI. Over two weeks, the number of authorities depositing increased from nine to 59. The society did not know where the money had previously been deposited and assumed that most came from banks. It is likely that some also came from smaller societies.

Some small societies with strong reserves have battened down the hatches and are able to increase their reserves in the short term without increasing their market share. Those with poor arrears records will find them getting worse as a porportion of the mortgage book if they cannot attract new business. Both may eventually seek partners, but the former is more attractive to the large societies.

NICK MALAND

Halifax eschews aggravation of amalgamation

THE largest society, the Halifax, is unlikely to be on the merger trail. Its last merger was 15 years ago and the circumstances were unusual. It took over the Wakefield in 1976 when fraudulent losses were discovered and the society needed rescuing (Lindsay Cook writes).

The Halifax Permanent Benefit Building and Investment Society was recognised as the largest society in 1913, without absorbing a single society. In 1928, it merged with the Halifax Equitable, which was then the second largest.

Since then, it has undertaken just five mergers: in 1957, 1959, 1970, 1973 and 1976.

The Halifax takes the view that it is not worth the aggravation of a merger for what might only be the equivalent of a few days' savings inflow or mortgage business.

The Nationwide, the second largest society, has grown by mergers. It is an amalgam of more than 80 societies. The last merger took place in 1987 when Nationwide and Anglia joined forces.

Among its most vociferous members are those who were originally customers of the Co-operative Permanent Building Society. Other names also lost within the society are the Ramsgate Cinque Ports Permanent Benefit, the Birmingham Ebenezer, Effra Mutual Benefit, Scottish Amicable, Slough & Eton Benefit and Royal Benefit.

The Abbey National, which was formed from the Abbey Road and National Building Societies in 1944, also absorbed five other societies in total. These included the Highgate Building Society, the Oak Co-operative and the Definite Permanent Building Society. It converted to a bank in 1989.

The tell-tale signs of a target

TARGETING societies likely to merge and pay a bonus is not easy. There are often, however, tell-tale signs. Logical moves that would fill the gaps in the networks of large societies can often be spotted (Lindsay Cook writes).

When the Peckham was taken over by the Cheltenham & Gloucester last year, one of the reasons given for the merger was that the C&G had wanted a branch in Redhill, Surrey, for some time.

C&G, the sixth largest, still needs more offices in south London and Kent. This could put the 13-branch Lambeth within its sights. Thirty-third in the league table, the society has assets approaching £500 million, and its reserves to assets ratio was a healthy 10.1 per cent at the end of last year, almost double the C&G's 5.32 per cent. Bonuses are usually given to even out the difference between the two figures and in such a marriage a bonus of about 4.5 per cent might be expected.

The City & Metropolitan, based in Bromley, Kent, has four branches and assets of £82 million. Its reserves to assets ratio is 7.95 per cent. The 13-branch Kent Reliance, in Chatham, might also fit snugly into the C&G network. Its reserves to assets ratio, though, is only 0.5 per cent higher than the larger society, so there is little opportunity for a large bonus.

Another feature of societies involved in mergers is that they often offer a winning account. The Sheffield, which merged with the Bradford & Bingley last summer, had been renowned for the attractive interest rates on its children's account. The Peckham paid a high return on its instant access account, as did the Wessex, which merged with the Portman, which early last year merged with the Regency & West of England under the Portman name.

This means that investors looking for merger candidates can also get an attractive return while they wait. The Lambeth currently pays 12.2 per cent gross on its two-year account requiring a minimum investment of £500. The City & Metropolitan is offering 11.4 per cent gross and 8.74 net on its 90-day account on sums over £25,000.

The Bradford & Bingley will take a little time to digest the Leamington Spa, with which it merged last month. The B & B has gaps in the Southeast that it has been trying to fill by opening new branches. This is, however, an expensive way to build market share.

The Leeds Permanent came unstuck when it tried to merge with the Town & Country and the Leeds & Holbeck in the Eighties.

It may choose to keep to smaller societies in its growth plans and could also feel the need for more branches in the Southeast.

The National Counties, based in Epsom, Surrey, has a reserves to assets ratio of 20.8 per cent. It is the prime prize for any predator society, with no branches and assets of more than £300 million. It is paying 12.15 per cent gross or 9.11 per cent net on £20,000, and more in its 90-day account.

Other societies with high reserves to assets ratios include the £83 million Mansfield (14.54 per cent); the £39 million Penrith (11.78 per cent); the £105 million Teachers' (9.9 per cent); the £45 million Earl Shilton (9.57 per cent); the £43 million Chorley and the £43 million Bath Investment (both 8.8 per cent); and the £140 million Barnsley (8.4 per cent).

Another indicator that merger talks are well advanced is a society becoming quiet when previously it has launched lots of products. The current market has silenced many. Among the larger societies, Town & Country and Chelsea both the subject of bid rumours in the past, have been hushed over the past 18 months.

The most successful mergers involve a large society taking on a much smaller one. To fit, they should not have too many high streets in which they both have a branch or the merger will not bring about the desired increase in market share.

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Portfolio PLATINUM

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 31).

Stock No	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Weekly Total
1	+0	+6	+2	+2	+6		
2	+0	+8	+2	+6	+3		
3	+0	+8	+2	+4	+5		
4	+0	+6	+2	+3	+5		
5	+0	+7	+3	+5	+4		
6	+0	+8	+1	+5	+2		
7	+0	+7	+6	+2	+3		
8	+0	+5	+1	+3	+5		
9	+0	+7	+3	+4	+3		
10	+0	+9	+4	+1	+4		
11	+0	+7	+4	+2	+4		
12	+0	+6	+4	+3	+4		
13	+0	+7	+3	+3	+3		
14	+0	+7	+2	+6	+3		
15	+0	+5	+1	+2	+4		
16	+0	+5	+2	+4	+3		
17	+0	+4	+2	+4	+6		
18	+0	+5	+3	+3	+4		
19	+0	+9	+2	+5	+2		
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22	+0	+7	+3	+5	+3		
23	+0	+7	+3	+3	+2		
24	+0	+7	+2	+6	+1		
25	+0	+6	+1	+2	+5		
26	+0	+6	+4	+3	+3		
27	+0	+8	+5	+2	+3		
28	+0	+8	+2	+6	+2		
29	+0	+5	+1	+3	+5		
30	+0	+8	+2	+7	+2		
31	+0	+6	+3	+5	+5		
32	+0	+9	+3	+7	+1		
33	+0	+6	+4	+2	+2		
34	+0	+4	+1	+2	+4		
35	+0	+5	+1	+3	+4		
36	+0	+8	+4	+1	+3		
37	+0	+8	+1	+7	+2		
38	+0	+6	+5	+3	+4		
39	+0	+7	+2	+5	+4		
40	+0	+6	+3	+1	+2		
41	+0	+5	+1	+3	+5		
42	+0	+5	+3	+3	+4		
43	+0	+7	+4	+2	+3		
44	+0	+9	+3	+6	+2		

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Share information lines closed for breach of code

By Sara McConnell

A COMPANY that wrote to shareholders in Amstrad, the consumer electronics group, encouraging them to use an expensive telephone line to obtain information on their shares has been asked to shut the recorded message service.

The Independent Committee for the Supervision of Standards of Telephone Information Services (Icstis) said the City Information Bureau's message to Amstrad shareholders constituted "misleading advertising".

Another line to Tottenham Hotspur shareholders has also been closed and a third, to Mirror Group Newspapers (MGN) shareholders, is being investigated.

The City Information Bureau bought shareholders' registers from the registrars of the companies and sent letters to the names on the lists. Shareholders' registers are publicly available and can be bought and sold freely.

The City Information Bureau has rented part of the fourth floor of an office block in Foley Street in London's West End. But there is no nameplate on the door and the company has no telephone listing.

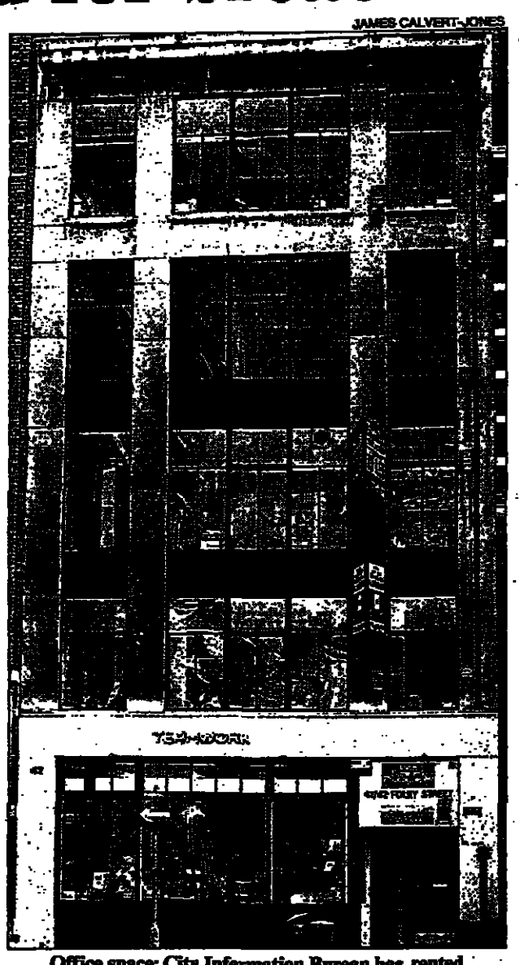
The letter from the City Information Bureau to MGN shareholders said: "There have been recent developments within the above company and we have news of this and background which may affect the value of your shareholding."

Shareholders were told to dial an 0898 number for further information. The letter was signed by M Bateman, described on the letterhead as the proprietor. Amstrad shareholders received a similarly worded letter with a different 0898 number.

The 0898 code is used for BT's premium-rate services. The charge for calls to these lines is 45p per minute between 9am and 6pm and 33p per minute at other times.

MGN shareholders who called the number and listened to the 14-minute message would have run up a telephone bill of £6.30 at peak time and £4.62 off-peak. The renter of the 0898 number would earn 26p a minute, or £3.64 of this payment, at whatever time the call was made. City Information Bureau rented the line from Clubcall, part of the Ladbroke Group, and it is unclear how the money from the line was divided up.

JAMES CALVERT-JONES



Office space: City Information Bureau has rented part of the fourth floor of a Foley Street building

Amstrad has 30,000 shareholders and Tottenham Hotspur just under 10,000. The Mirror Group declined to give a figure.

BT said: "Anyone can rent an 0898 line subject to the normal business checks. We have to supply lines to those who want them and there is rarely a reason for not supplying lines."

Those signing a contract with BT for an 0898 line agree to abide by a code of practice, monitored by Icstis. If they breach the code, the committee first asks the renter of the line to remove the service. If this is not done, the committee recommends to BT that the line is withdrawn.

Icstis said: "We have been investigating the MGN line for five days and we are certainly in correspondence with Clubcall, who rented the line directly. We have had about ten complaints. The Amstrad and Spurs lines were both found to be in breach of the code of conduct, for misleading advertising. They also broke technical rules governing the requirements of specialist services."

The MGN recording is the only one of the three still operating. After a disclaimer that the company was not authorised to give information on buying and selling shares, the City Information Bureau promised to give "straightforward facts in simple language, as we don't want to bog you down with technical jargon".

The message continued: "MGN is a well-managed publishing company with a range of newspapers including the *Daily Mirror* and *The Sporting Life*, the Queen Mother's favourite newspaper."

And it added: "What better man could be in charge than Robert Maxwell?" He is described as a brilliant businessman with a great understanding of the economy.

It accused newspapers and city analysts of "anti-MGN rivalry" and said shares were "a must for anyone seeking capital growth, although they will perform at a discount to the general market because of Maxwell's majority holding.

"All our reports are based on unbiased opinion and we do not hold shares in any public company," the recording said.

A spokesman for MGN said in a statement: "MGN has absolutely nothing to do with whoever is behind this recorded message. We are in touch with Icstis."

Amstrad's legal department wrote a letter of protest on July 25 to the City Information Bureau and also put the matter before the trade department, the Securities and Investments Board and Oftel, the telecommunications watchdog.

Amstrad said: "We didn't feel that the phrasing of the letter distanced itself enough from the company and did not make clear that we had nothing to do with it and were not involved. The recorded message was very bland but we suggested in our letter that it contained some errors."

The City Information Bureau told Amstrad in a presentation two months ago that the average call to 0898 numbers lasted eight minutes. This would cost £3.60 at peak times and £2.64 at other times.

City Information Bureau has not responded to requests for information.

Lower rates on offer to investors who take monthly income

BUILDING society and bank savers wanting to use monthly interest from their accounts as income are almost certain to be paid a lower rate than those whose interest is reinvested or who are paid half-yearly or annually (Sara McConnell writes).

Savers could, however, obtain a better deal on monthly interest from some of the smaller societies.

Customers of some societies can choose to have income paid monthly or annually on a 90-day notice account. The monthly rates quoted often assume, however, that interest will be reinvested and earn interest on itself every month.

At the Halifax and the Skipton building societies, monthly interest is transferred into either another account at the society or another bank account. The rate does not assume reinvestment so there is a lower nominal rate and the monthly rate is not linked to the half-yearly rate.

The Halifax offers a monthly income version of its 90-Day Xtra account. It pays 7.54 per cent net, 10.05 gross, on balances of £10,000. The half-yearly interest rate on the same balance in the account is 7.76 per cent net, 10.35 per cent gross.

David Roberts, controller of savings and investment at the Halifax, said: "We invite people to go into this account on the basis that they require income monthly and not because it is a method of getting a better rate.

"We don't link the monthly income rate to the half-yearly rate and we expect Halifax customers to compare our monthly income option with other monthly options."

The Leeds Permanent offers the option of monthly or annual interest payments on its Solid Gold 90-day notice account.

Balances of £10,000 with interest paid monthly would earn 7.59 per cent net, 10.12 per cent gross. The same balance would earn an annual rate of 7.95 per cent net, 10.6 per cent gross. Balances of £25,000 would earn 8.03 per cent net, 10.71 per cent gross, monthly, and 8.44 per cent net, 11.25 per cent gross, annually.

David Andrew, the Leeds' head of savings, said: "The monthly rate is calculated on the basis that if the customer reinvests all the interest into the account, their total income for the full year is the same as they would get from a single annual payment."

The Abbey National operates a similar system. It works out monthly rates on its 90-day notice investment account so that if all the interest is reinvested, the customer would receive interest equivalent to the annual rate at the end of the year. A balance of £10,000 in the account would earn monthly interest of 7.62 per cent net over the year, 10.16 per cent gross. A balance of £25,000 would pay 7.83 per cent net, 10.44 per cent gross, on a monthly basis.

The Abbey National said that in common with other banks and building societies it was keen to keep investors' money in savings accounts rather than have it used as income.

Gordon Jolly, assistant general manager at the Skipton, said monthly interest accounts were "less of a public thing" than the popular instant access 90-day accounts paying interest annually.

The monthly interest version of the Skipton's 90-day notice account pays 7.65 per cent net, 10.2 per cent gross, on balances of between £2,000 and £25,000. The annual interest version of Skipton 90 pays 8.175 per cent net, 10.9 per cent gross, on balances of between £500 and £25,000.

Savers will not lose out by choosing an account where the interest is not compounded over one where it is, said Cathryn Deane, editor of *Building Society Choice* magazine. However, the rates for monthly interest will always be set lower than annual interest.

Smaller societies offering the best monthly interest rates include the Leeds & Holbeck, whose Capital Bond 90-day notice account pays 8.51 per cent net, 11.34 per cent gross, on balances of £10,000 and over.

The Standard Building Society pays 8.33 per cent net, 11.10 per cent gross, on its 90-day account, while those with a minimum of £50,000 can earn 8.96 per cent net, 11.95 per cent gross, in the Chorley & District's Fortress share account.

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Month purchased	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
January	—	0.620	0.541	0.467	0.390
February	—	0.613	0.534	0.455	0.385
March	0.684	0.610	0.530	0.442	0.383
April	0.651	0.587	0.509	0.412	0.370
May	0.639	0.581	0.504	0.405	0.367
June	0.635	0.577	0.500	0.402	0.368
July	0.634	0.569	0.502	0.405	0.372
August	0.634	0.562	0.488	0.401	0.368
September	0.635	0.555	0.485	0.402	0.361
October	0.627	0.549	0.476	0.400	0.359
November	0.619	0.544	0.471	0.395	0.348
December	0.622	0.540	0.472	0.393	0.343
	1987	**1988**	**1989**	**1990**	**1991**
January	0.338	0.295	0.205	0.120	0.028
February	0.333	0.290	0.197	0.113	0.022
March	0.330	0.285	0.191	0.102	0.018
April	0.314	0.265	0.171	0.070	0.005
May	0.313	0.260	0.163	0.060	0.002
June	0.313	0.255	0.159	0.056	nil
July	0.314	0.254	0.158	0.055	—
August	0.310	0.240	0.155	0.044	—
September	0.307	0.234	0.148	0.035	—
October	0.300	0.222	0.139	0.027	—
November	0.294	0.216	0.129	0.029	—
December	0.295	0.213	0.126	0.030	—

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NatWest launches assorted charges

Credit card confusion

By LINDSAY COOK
MONEY EDITOR

CREDIT cards have never been more confusing. This week, National Westminster Bank announced it was introducing a £12 charge for its existing credit cards from October. NatWest is also launching three new cards with charges of £6, £12 and £35.

Not only will the new cards have different interest rates from the 4.5 million NatWest Access and Visa cards already issued, but they will also have a different method of charging. This way of calculating the interest has been introduced by many large card issuers in the past year.

The change will cost borrowers more without having to be included in the annual percentage rate that is supposed to show exactly how expensive credit is.

The Visa primary card, NatWest MasterCard and Visa Gold card will all charge interest from the day a purchase reaches the customer's account should the bill not be paid in full at the end of the month. Lloyds Bank is also making the same change to its credit cards from October. Its annual fee is £12 and the APR is being cut to 26.8 per cent tomorrow.

The existing NatWest Access and Visa cards will continue to charge interest from the statement date, if the balance is not paid in full. The rate is being reduced from 2.2 per cent a month (an APR of 29.8 per cent) to 1.9 per cent (26.8 per cent). Those who pay off their bills in full will still be able to have up to 56 days of interest-free credit. Because this interest-free period has never been included in the APR its loss is not shown in the calculations. Card issuers long argued that their interest rates were cheaper than they appeared.

Last summer, Barclays Bank gave up the propaganda battle when it introduced an £8 annual fee for its card, cut the interest rate and began to charge those who borrowed from the day the transaction reached the account. Its annual percentage rate of 27.8 per cent does not reveal the extra cost to borrowers.

For a cardholder who is unlucky with his timing, the change can mean an extra four weeks of interest. Typically, it will be two weeks. For an average borrower, this can add £12 to £15 a year. Those who have a high credit limit and do not to pay off the full bill every time could pay much more.

The Halifax Building Society changed its charging method in July when it introduced a £10 charge. The Midland also began charging from the transaction in April.

NatWest is the last of the big four banks to impose a fee and it is the first large card issuer to charge for an affinity card, in this case benefiting the World Wide Fund for Nature, with a £12 fee. If the cardholders also have a NatWest Visa card, they will pay an additional £12. Other NatWest and Visa cardholders will be charged £12 for both.

Midland Bank, with three affinity cards, did not levy a charge on them when it introduced a £10 charge in April.

The Leeds Permanent Building Society expects to announce a charge soon. It currently charges 29.8 per cent to the 280,000 holders of its affinity credit card. Interest is charged from the date the transaction reaches the account.

NatWest cardholders who wish to avoid the charge should not use their cards after October 15. The annual fee will be triggered by the first transaction after that date. Those who want to clear their accounts will be given until April 15 to do so without an annual charge being levied.

NatWest says it is launching three new cards because research had shown that customers had many and varied needs. The primary card has a £500 credit limit, which cannot be increased, an APR of 28.3 per cent and an annual charge of £6.

The new MasterCard has a £12 fee and an interest rate of 26.1 per cent. Borrowers will also have the option of converting any sums outstanding into a fixed-term loan over six to 36 months at 25.5 per cent. Their credit limit on the card will be reduced by the amount of any such loan.

The Visa Gold costs £35 and its APR is 22.7 per cent. This has a minimum credit limit of £2,500 and is intended for people earning £20,000 or more a year.

None of the new cards earns Airmiles. Under the Airmiles scheme, holders of NatWest's existing cards receive one Airmile for every £10 spent.

Barclays and Lloyds both lost a million credit card customers, many of whom moved from the credit card to their debit cards to avoid an annual fee. This is unlikely to happen with NatWest, as its debit card is the electronic Switch card. At present, only 120,000 retail outlets have signed up. NatWest says that within 18 months it will have the same number of outlets as rival debit cards.

TSB, which has 2.9 million cardholders, does not levy an annual fee and has no plans to do so. It has reduced interest rates twice this year and charges 1.95 per cent a month on both its Trustcard and Mastercard (APR 26 per cent).

The Town & Country Building Society has no charge and no plans to introduce one. It used to be the cheapest card but recently increased its APR to 26.53 per cent.

Credit switch: NatWest hopes to keep customers after imposing fees for its plastic

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Fraud officers make plea to rare coin buyers

CITY of London police fraud investigation department would like to hear from anyone who bought coins from Certified Rare US Coins (CRUSC). The company, which operated from offices in Piccadilly, London, offered investors gold and silver coins sealed in plastic blocks (Lindsay Cook writes).

CRUSC's sales claims were detailed in Weekend Money last October. The company advertised itself as the "number one investment secret" in America and promoted the gains achieved by investing in dollar coins in 1989 without mentioning the "precipitous" falls suffered in the first nine months of last year.

The dealership did not carry stocks of coins for investors to buy. Investors were expected to pay a 20 per cent deposit at the time they placed an order for coins. These would then be bought in the market for the investor at the best rates, said Robert Mitchell, CRUSC's principal.

The coins were graded by independent grading houses. However, one of the main houses used by CRUSC had been charged by the American Federal Trade Commission for making false claims two months before CRUSC set up in London. The grading house agreed to abide by the conditions of the subsequent judgment restricting their claims and sales techniques.

In advertisements, CRUSC claimed that the coins offered "safety" compared with building society accounts, which were at risk from inflation. The firm's advertisement was turned down by *The Times*.

Crop of fixed loans gives autumn boost

FOUR fixed-rate mortgage offers have been launched this week by major lenders to give the home loan market an autum boost (Lindsay Cook writes).

The Cheltenham & Gloucester has one-year loans at 9.95 per cent on mortgages of £100,000 and above and five-year loans fixed at 10.95 per cent. Abbey National and the Britannia Building Society are offering loans fixed at 10.75 per cent until December 1993.

The Abbey National and C&G mortgages come with no strings attached in the form of compulsory endowment or pension policies or mandatory contents policies.

Britannia requires buildings insurance, may require a mortgage guarantee policy and strongly recommends term assurance for interest-only loans.

All three lenders make a charge of 90 days' interest for early redemption and the Abbey has an administration fee of £95.

The Cheltenham & Gloucester charges £250 and Britannia has a £150 fee.

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☐ The Cheshire Building Society is offering 11 per cent gross fixed for up to 12 months on its Tempo account from September 1. The rate will be available on investment periods of 12, six or three months. Investments of £50,000 or more will automatically have interest paid gross.

☐ The sixth issue of Allied Dunbar's guaranteed income bond offers monthly or annual income. Balances of £2,000 to £4,999 will earn 8.19 per cent monthly or 8.85 per cent annually. The top payout, on balances of £25,000 and over, is 8.64 per cent monthly or 9.35 per cent annually.

☐ Customers of the Britannia Building Society will be able to withdraw cash from Midland cashpoint machines from Sunday. There will be no additional charge. This will take the number of machines available to Britannia customers to 7,000.

☐ TSB's student banking package offers interest of 8 per cent on credit balances, an interest-free overdraft of up to £400 and a Speedbank card giving access to TSB, Midland and NatWest cash machines. Students using the Speedbank telephone service will not be charged the normal £2.50 quarterly management fee.

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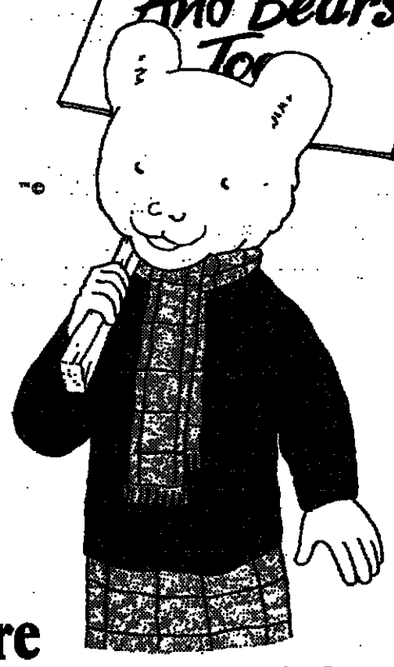

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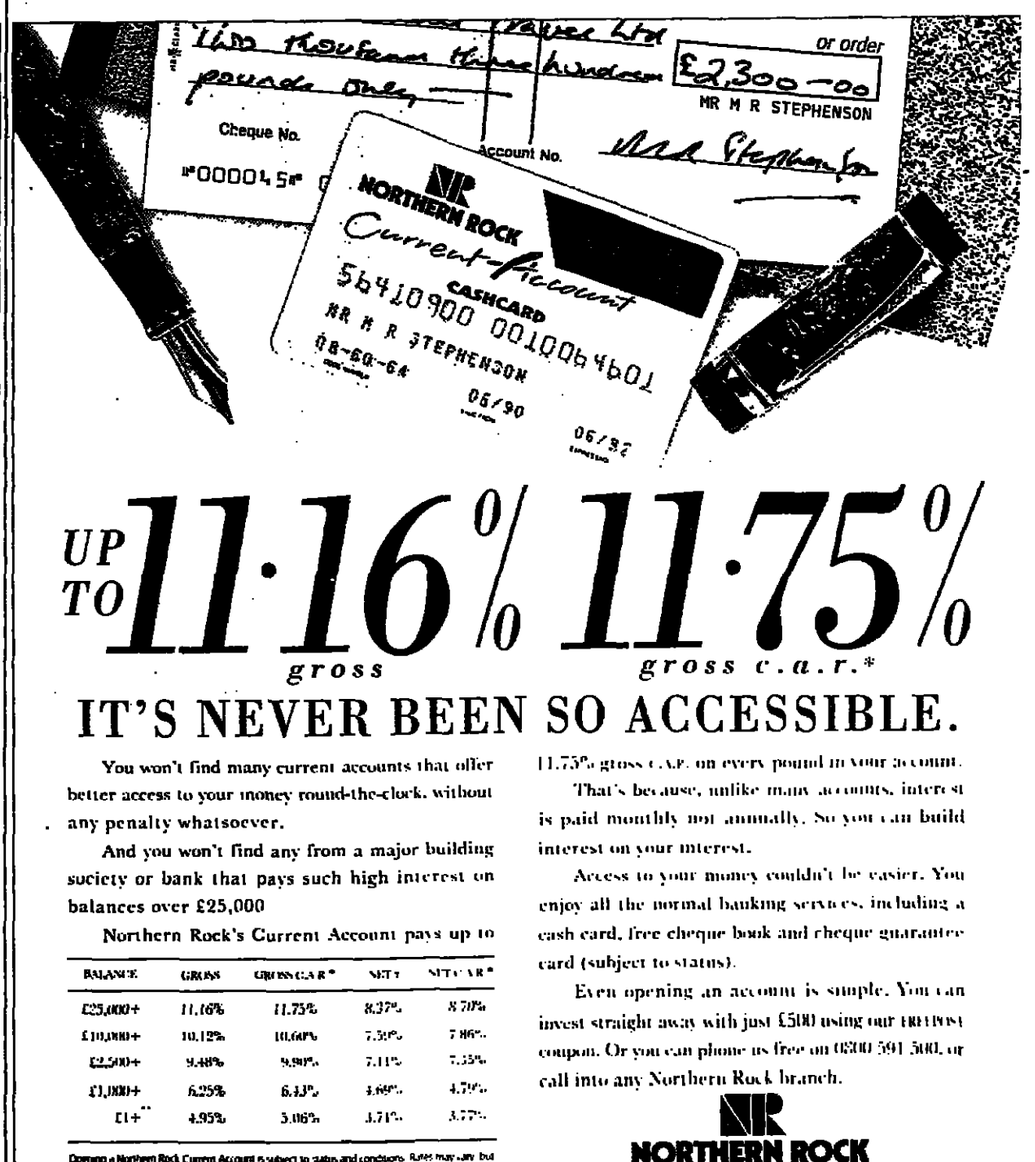

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Compensation for taxpayers

From Mr Ramnik Shah

Sir, The case of the college lecturer you highlighted (Weekend Money, August 24) is not, of course, unique, but it raises a question which does not seem to have been addressed in the new taxpayer's charter, or your Comment on it. It is this: should not the Revenue pay costs incurred by the taxpayer in resisting an unjustified demand of tax?

We, too, have recently come through a similar experience, albeit short but, nevertheless, involving us in anxiety, effort and expense in successfully establishing that the tax inspector had made a mistake, due to no fault of ours, in raising an assessment on my wife of alleged unpaid tax for an earlier year amounting to nearly £1,200. The mistake could easily have been avoided if prior intimation had been given of his intention to make the assessment, particularly as we were in correspondence over a claim for pensions relief and it was that which clearly led to the assessment anyway. No reasons were given in the notice of assessment either and we were left to work out the basis of it by reference to our own records.

At the conclusion of the matter, all we got was a lukewarm apology for an "incorrect" demand, but as for compensation were told that there are no provisions for it in such circumstances. This surely cannot be in keeping with the spirit of the citizen's charter?

Yours truly,
RAMNIK SHAH,
118 Seaforth Gardens,
Stoneleigh,
Epsom, Surrey.

Women and finance

From Dr Hilary Reed

Sir, As a working married woman, who has managed to organise the payment of her tax, so far without a nervous breakdown, I resent Mr Waterman's letter (Weekend Money, August 17) which shows a sad lack of understanding as to what best promotes the interests and well-being of women. When my mother was widowed a few years ago I had to help her not only with her tax but also with her insurances and even with taxing her car. As Mr Waterman would have wished, my father had protected her from financial matters all her married life and his death left her without the most basic financial survival skills.

Women should have the option to manage their own financial affairs not just because it is fair and right but because it is prudent. A protector may not always be there. It is not only accountants that benefit from the separate taxation of women but women as well.

Yours faithfully,
HILARY REED,
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Service charge

From T.N. Hibbert

Sir, There has been much comment in the press recently with regard to the current service provided by the high street banks and in particular with regard to the charges made.

I have just received a quarterly charge of £85.12 up to June 7 for my clients' account which had only two transactions. This was for the receipt of £78.52, which was paid out by cheque 12 days later.

I know the banks are hard up, but this is extortionate!

Yours faithfully,
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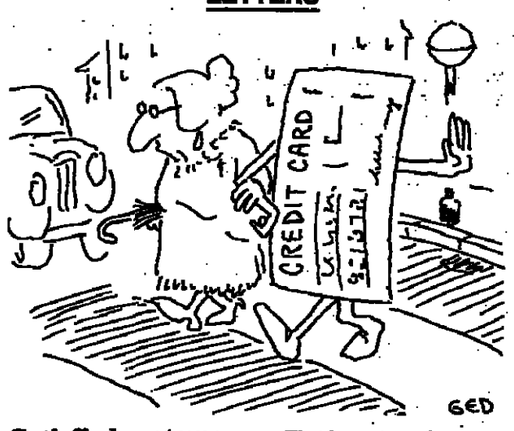

Satisfied customer

From J.R. Anderson

Sir, It is, I suppose, inevitable that complaints form the major part of your postbag. "Man bites dog" is rarely reported, particularly where the dog is a civil servant who is precluded from commenting on the shortcomings of the public.

So, may I please place on record my satisfaction with the London Provincial 14 tax district who are invariably courteous, accurate and prompt in their dealings with my tax affairs, and correct my errors with admirable patience.

That inspectors of taxes are human was demonstrated to me some years ago when a client whose wife had given birth on the last day of the tax year claimed his entitlement of a child allowance for the full year.

The inspector's acknowledgement had a hand written post-script which read "My personal congratulations on this very timely event".

Yours sincerely,
J.R. ANDERSON,
4 Vardon Drive,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire.

Need for vigilance

From A.R. Davies

Sir, I was interested in Miss Cox's letter (Weekend Money, August 17) because I have recently had a similar experience with a building society — not the Abbey National.

In October last year, one of the insurance policies covering my mortgage matured, with a surplus of about £4,000, which it was agreed, in writing, would be passed on to me by the society when they received the cheque from the insurance company.

I was abroad when the transaction was due to take place. On returning to this country about a month later I found no indication that anything had happened and wrote to enquire. I had committed myself to apply the funds by a date that was fast approaching. Receiving no reply I telephoned and a cheque arrived by return, but £13 short of the amount due, with no explanation. This was over a month after the funds had reached the building society and I asked for, and was paid, interest for the period during which I had been deprived of the use of my money, together with the £13 deducted in error. So, what should have been a simple transaction was eventually completed satisfactorily, but not without a lot of unnecessary work for all concerned.

However, I am still dealing with the consequences of this partial repayment of my mortgage loan and am currently awaiting a reply to a letter concerning the repayments due on the balance of the loan which I wrote on 4 July.

Miss Cox is right to wonder what losses are being suffered by people who, for one reason or another, are unable to keep an eye on what is being done with their money by the so-called professionals. Not only is vigilance required to spot trouble in the first place but patience and persistence in following matters through to a finish.

After a number of similarly irritating experiences I have come to the conclusion that these delays and omissions are the product of amateurish administration rather than deliberate attempts to profit at the expense of clients, but there is not much comfort to be drawn from that!

Yours faithfully,
A.R. DAVIES,
Sherwood,
St Nicholas Avenue,
Great Bookham, Surrey.

Cheque book tip

From Mrs V. Blaxter

Sir, Perhaps Major Legge (August 17) might like to copy what I do. As soon as I start a new cheque book I fill in the request form for another one. Thus, not only do I know a new book should shortly arrive but I beat the computer to its job, which gives me some slight satisfaction.

I imagine Mr Waterman's letter was just a stirrer. There must be many other women like me, longing to do their own tax returns. This year I succeeded — not without some help I must add. However, I must have been successful as that nice tax inspector sent me a sizeable cheque almost by return of post! I can't wait to do next year's returns — this time totally unaided.

Yours faithfully,
MRS V. BLAXTER,
Deans Lodge,
Barcaldine,
Argyll.

Credit for the golden years

From W.T. Garton

Sir, When credit cards were first introduced into the UK, the respective finance companies proudly pointed out that there were no charges if the account was settled in full each month, and many people, myself included, were persuaded by the literature and sales talk to take on the credit card.

However, the imposition of the annual charge is now penalising the very persons who helped to get this convenience firmly established.

In return for the annual charge we are offered other so-called new and wonderful benefits; these usually quote a free second card which has been readily available in the past and almost always free. The remainder of the benefits are usually marginal or transitory, and by their nature apparently aimed at young spenders.

Could the credit card companies give some consideration to the adoption of a simple concession to the national social benefit, which would be very much appreciated by those card user customers who are now senior citizens? Instead of imposing this facility as an additional expense, leading many of them to reluctantly relinquish the use of the cards to which they have become accustomed, make a goodwill gesture and render their accounts free of this annual charge.

The convenience of the cards would enable them to continue to spend their hard-earned resources more easily and safely. In many cases, they have been using the cards longest, are very appreciative of the ability to go shopping without the need to carry large sums of money, thus reducing their vulnerability to some of the younger elements in society. They also eliminate the difficulty of writing cheques, especially for those persons with physical disabilities.

We are sure there are many senior citizens on a reduced income who would be pleased to retain the facility, for it has been their earlier contributions to society, through their creditworthiness, both by thrift and adaptability, which have provided the foundations for all the currently available credit facilities.

Yours faithfully,
W.T. GARTON,
Larchwood, 5a Grass Hill,
Caversham,
Reading, Berkshire.

Bank silence

From D.A. Collins

Sir, We moved to the address below in June 1986 having sold the family home, and at the same time we closed our account with the Midland. We wrote and thanked them for their advice and support over the previous 30 years. They replied with a statement only, having confiscated the £23 credit balance as bank charges, however.

I responded to their First Direct advert as it met our needs and was rejected. I asked why and their "tele" girls fobbed me off. Under pressure they told me it was nothing to do with the above but a credit reference agency. I paid the £1 fee and found it referred to someone else. I advised them of this.

They then asked to see our last six months' bank statements ... I gave up. Four weeks ago, out of sheer bloody mindedness we responded to their new campaign. Silence.

Yours faithfully,
D.A. COLLINS,
78 Saxon Mill Lane,
Tamworth,
Staffordshire.

INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c:						
Typical	2.69	2.86	2.12	none/none	7 day	—
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	9.88	9.88	7.90	25,000-50,000	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	10.13	10.13	8.10	25,000-50,000	3 mth	Local Brnch
Lloyds	8.87	8.87	7.10	2,500-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	9.18	9.18	7.34	2,500-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	7.08	7.08	5.66	10,000-no max	1 mth	0742 528655
" " "	6.94	6.94	5.55	10,000-no max	3 mth	0742 528655
NatWest	9.25	9.25	7.40	10,000-24,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
" " "	8.87	8.87	7.10	10,000-24,000	6 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	7.23	7.48	5.98	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	6.15	6.29	5.03	2,500‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Ultra	2.60	2.70	2.16	1,000‡	none	071 626 6543
Girobank	5.63	5.83	4.50	1,000‡	none	051 966 2075
Lloyds HICA	2.25	2.27	1.81	1,000‡	none	0272 433372
Midland HICA	5.72	5.80	4.64	2,000‡	none	0742 528655
NatWest Special Reserve	5.83	5.78	4.62	500‡	none	071-374 3374
Royal Bank of Scot Premi A/c	6.45	6.51	5.29	2,500	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank HICA	5.18	5.18	4.14	2,000‡	none	071-600 5000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	5.25	5.25	4.20	1 min	none	—
Best buy — largest socs:						
Portman	7.80	7.80	6.24	500 min	none	—
Cheltenham & Gl	8.74	8.74	6.99	2,500 min	none	—
Northern Rock	9.00	9.00	7.20	40,000 min	30 day	—
Skipton	9.00	9.00	7.20	2,500 min	90 day	—
Bradford & Bing	9.25	9.25	7.40	25,000 min	1 year	—
Best buy — all socs:						
Tyneside	8.33	8.33	6.66	500 min	none	—
Bristol & West	7.50	7.50	6.00	500 min	30 day	—
Norwich & P'boro	8.48	8.62	7.15	10,000 min	85 day	—
Skipton	9.00	9.00	7.20	2,500 min	90 day	—
Bradford & Bing	9.25	9.25	7.40	25,000 min	1 year	—
Cash/Cheque Accounts:						
Halifax Card Cash	3.41	3.41	2.73	50 min		Rates rise
Alliance & Leic Cash Plus	3.68	3.68	2.94	25 min		with larger
Nationwide Anglia Flex	1.88	1.88	1.50	1 min		balances

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NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c[1]	5.00	3.75	3.00	5-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c	10.25	8.45	6.15	5-25,000	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*	11.75	8.81	7.05	2,000-25,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond*□	11.75	8.81	7.05		3 mth	041-649-4555
36th Issue Cert*†	8.50	8.50	8.50	25-5,000	8 day	091-366-4900
Yearly Plan†	8.50	8.50	8.50	20-200/mth	14 day	091-366 4900
Guaranteed Extension Rate†	5.01	5.01	5.01			
Capital Bond	11.50	8.62	6.90	100-100,000	5 yrs	041-649-4555
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
Alico	9.25	9.25	7.86	50,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
New Dir Finance	9.20	9.20	7.82	5,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Chase de Vere	9.30	9.30	7.91	2,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
Providence Cap	9.45	9.45	8.03	50,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5768
Liberty Life	9.60	9.60	8.16	10,000 min	5 yrs	for details

RPI (July 90-91)	+6.5%	**Holiday rates**	£ buys
Bank Base Rate	11%	Spanish Pesetas:	177.00
Personal Loan	24%	French Francs:	9.72
Credit Card	19.6-32%	Greek Drachms:	314.00
		Italian Lire:	2140.00

[1] 5.0% for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less. ‡ Additional holdings up to £10,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing maturing certificates. †Tax free. *Basic rate taxpayers paid gross. Higher rates for larger sums. □ No longer on sale.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Provident	Banks,Discount	
2	Boots	Industrials A-D	
3	Pressac	Electricals	
4	Ultramar	Oil,Gas	
5	GEI Int	Industrials E-K	
6	Argis Gp	Paper,Print,Adv	
7	Woodside	Oil,Gas	
8	Cantors 'A'	Drapery,Stores	
9	Thorntons	Foods	
10	Sewerfit (Jeff)	Paper,Print,Adv	
11	Rolls-Royce	Motors,Aircraft	
12	Gleeson (MJ)	Building,Roads	
13	Marks Spencer	Drapery,Stores	
14	Macarthy	Industrials L-R	
15	Trafalgar H	Industrials S-Z	
16	Domino	Electricals	
17	Gr Portland	Property	
18	Alba	Electricals	
19	T & N	Industrials S-Z	
20	Brown (N)	Drapery,Stores	
21	Enterprise	Oil,Gas	
22	Lex Service	Motors,Aircraft	
23	Hammerson	Property	
24	Amec	Building,Roads	
25	Sainsbury J	Foods	
26	Ratners Group	Drapery,Stores	
27	Lionheart	Industrials L-R	
28	Menzies (John)	Drapery,Stores	
29	Reuters	Industrials L-R	
30	Adwest	Industrials A-D	
31	Jones Stroud	Electricals	
32	Williams Hldgs	Industrials S-Z	
33	Fisons	Industrials E-K	
34	BTR	Industrials A-D	
35	Weir	Industrials S-Z	
36	BT	Electricals	
37	Berkeley Gp	Building,Roads	
38	Sirdar	Textiles	
39	Clarkson (H)	Transport	
40	Burmah Castrol	Oil,Gas	
41	Argyll	Foods	
42	Johnson Cleaners	Industrials E-K	
43	Smithkl Beech	Industrials S-Z	
44	Electron House	Electricals	
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BRITISH FUNDS

1990/91 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'nge	Int only yd%	Gross Red yd%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)						
99⅝	99⅝	Treas 9% 1991	99⅝	..	8.05	10.279
100	99⅞	Exch 11% 1991	100	..	11.0	10.518
99⅝	99⅝	Treas 11¾% 1991	99⅝	..		
99	91⅞	Treas 9% 1992	98	..	3.12	8.391
98⅝	95⅝	Treas 8% 1992	96⅝	..	8.10	10.202
99⅞	97⅞	Treas 9¾% 1992	99⅝	..	10.0	10.295
100⅝	98⅝	Treas CH0¼% 1992	100⅝	..	10.4	10.211
102⅝	99⅝	Exch 12¼% 1992	102	..	12.0	10.008
101⅞	100⅞	Treas 12¾% 1992	100⅞	..	12.8	10.273
104⅝	98⅝	Exch 13¾% 1992	103⅝	● ..	13.0	10.001
94	89⅝	Fund 9% 1993	94	● ..	8.3	9.265
97⅝	93⅝	Treas 8¾% 1993	97⅝	..	8.44	9.943
100	97⅞	Treas 10% 1993	100	..	10.0	9.888
104⅞	102⅞	Treas 12¾% 1993	104	..	12.0	10.088
109⅝	103⅞	Treas 13¾% 1993	107⅞	..	12.8	10.041
99⅝	92⅝	Treas 8¾% 1994	98⅝	..	8.78	9.952
97⅞	89⅝	Treas 9% 1994	97⅞	..	8.25	9.980
100	96⅝	Treas 10% 1994	100	..	9.98	9.949
108⅝	103⅞	Exch 12¼% 1994	108⅝	..	11.7	10.030
109	104⅝	Exch 13¾% 1994	107⅞	..	12.5	9.984
111⅝	102⅞	Treas 14¾% 1994	109⅝	● ..	13.2	9.977
89	72⅞	Gas 9% 1990-95	86⅝			
100⅝	94⅞	Exch 10¼% 1995	100⅝	..	10.1	9.984
108⅝	98⅝	Treas 12% 1995	105⅞	..	11.3	9.981
109⅝	103⅞	Treas 12¾% 1995	109	..	11.6	10.019
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS						
97⅞	92⅞	Treas 8% 1992-96	97⅞	● ..	8.28	9.711
100⅝	95⅝	Conv 10% 1996	100⅝	..	9.98	9.933
100⅞	97⅞	Conv 10% 1996 B	100⅝			
112⅞	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	111⅝	..	11.9	10.151
113⅝	109⅞	Treas 14% 1996	112⅝	..	12.4	10.286
119⅝	115⅝	Treas 15¼% 1996	118⅝	..	12.8	10.204
94⅞	88⅞	Treas 8% 1997	94⅞	● ..	8.33	9.934
102⅝	97⅞	Exch 10¼% 1997	102	..	10.2	9.987
113⅞	108⅞	Treas 13¼% 1997	121	..	11.2	10.142
122⅝	117	15% 1997	121	..	12.4	10.268
99⅝	89⅝	Treas 9¼% 1998-00	99⅝	..	7.78	9.478
99⅝	89⅝	Conv 9% 1999	99⅝	..	9.07	9.986
109⅝	104⅞	Exch 12% 1999	109⅝	..	10.9	10.085
127⅝	121⅞	Treas 15¼% 1999	126⅝	● ..	12.0	10.157
99⅝	90⅞	Conv 9% 2000	99⅝	..	9.8	9.808
101⅝	97⅞	Conv 10¼% 1999	101⅝	..	10.1	9.897
108⅝	97⅞	Treas 10⅝% 1999	105⅝	..	10.2	9.988
111⅝	104⅞	Exch 12¼% 1999	111⅝	● ..	11.0	10.115
98⅝	89⅝	Conv 9% 2000	96⅝	● ..	9.4	9.888
116⅝	110⅝	Treas 13% 2000	116	..	11.2	10.190
99⅝	89⅝	Conv 9¾% 2001	99⅝	..	9.80	9.927
100⅝	90⅝	Conv 10% 2001	100⅝	..	9.90	9.986
90⅝	80⅝	Treas 10% 2001 a	90⅝	..	12.0	10.534
99⅝	90⅝	Conv 10% 2001 b	99⅝	..	9.90	10.271
118⅝	113	Treas 14% 1998-01	117⅝	..	0.00	0.000
91⅝	77⅞	Exch 9% 2002	91⅝	..	0.00	0.000
99⅝	91⅞	Treas 9¾% 2002	98⅝	..	9.8	9.941
97⅞	92⅞	Conv 10% 2002	97⅞	●-¼	9.90	9.980
100⅝	94	Treas 10% 2003	100⅝	●-¼	0.00	0.000
117⅞	110⅝	Treas 13¾% 2003-05	117⅞	..	0.0	0.000
99⅝	93⅞	Fund 9¾% 1999-04	99⅝	-¼	9.7	9.968
97⅞	90⅞	Conv 9¾% 2004	97⅞	-¼	10.0	10.157
108⅝	102	Treas 11¾% 2001-04	108⅝	-¼	9.7	9.945
97⅞	88⅞	Conv 9¾% 2005	97⅞	-¼	10.0	9.980
118⅝	110⅝	Treas 12¾% 2003-05	117⅞	-¼	10.8	9.980
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS						
86⅝	79⅝	Treas 8% 2002-06	85⅝	-¼	9.2	9.843
90⅝	81⅞	Conv 9% 2002	89⅝	-¼	9.4	9.746
112⅝	103⅞	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	112⅝	-¼	10.4	9.965
99⅝	88⅝	Treas 9% 2008	94	-¼	9.5	9.706
94⅝	86⅝	Treas 9% 2008 C	94	-¼		
126⅝	117⅞	Treas 13½% 2004-08	125⅝	●-¼	10.7	9.922
90⅝	80	Treas 8% 2009	85⅝	●-¼	9.3	9.869
94⅝	85⅝	Conv 9% 2011	89⅝	-¼	9.6	9.707
34⅝	30⅝	Conv 9% 2011 PP	35⅝			
88⅝	80⅝	Treas 8¾% 2006-12	83⅝	●-¼	9.4	9.960
88⅝	74⅝	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	82	-¼	9.4	9.960
127⅝	113⅝	Exch 12% 2013-17	120⅝	-¼	9.9	9.736
UNDATED						
28⅝	23⅝	Consols	25⅝		9.8	
28⅝	23⅝	Treas	25⅝	● ..	..	
29⅝	23⅝	Treas	25⅝	..	..	
38⅝	31⅝	Conv	35⅝	..	..	
49⅝	38⅝	Conv	40⅝	..	8.9	
38⅝	33⅝	War Ln	35⅝	..	8.7	
INDEX-LINKED						
132⅝	121⅞	Treas IL 2% 1992	132	●		
130	115⅝	Treas IL 2% 1994	119⅝	●		
172⅝	158⅝	Treas IL 2% 1996	172⅝	●		
142⅝	137⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2001	142⅝	●		
138⅝	130⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2003	138⅝			
140⅝	135	Treas IL 2% 2006	139			
128⅝	124⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2011	132	-¼		
132⅝	127⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2013	108⅝	+¼		
109⅝	105⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2016	110⅝	+¼		
117⅝	112⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2020	110⅝	+¼		
113⅝	108⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2024	92			
96⅝	91⅞	Treas IL 2½% 1996				

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Div/Gth	51.56	54.85ø	+0.38	5.47
Global Gth Sec	52.06	55.38	-0.02	1.81
Ethical	51.83	55.42	+0.37	3.05
High Inc Equity	136.5	148.7e	-0.3	5.77
W'wide Bond	208.9	221.7ø	+0.2	6.77
Gilt/Fixed	115.6	122.6c	+0.5	9.38
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 635070 dealing (Freephone) 0800 833680 3B, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DQ Tel: 071-374 6901				
Am Inc/Gth	92.00	98.83	+0.60	2.34
Euro	71.42	75.87	+1.18	0.30
Inc	74.59	78.69e	+1.71	1.55
Exempt	78.4	81.05e	+0.1	5.04
Extra Inc	40.73	44.04c	+0.18	5.63
F/E Energy Ec	49.76	53.41e	+1.12	1.20
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 514514 Dealing: 0793 616988				
High Inc	348.5	363.5c	-0.2	6.18
Equity Inc	197.0	209.6	-0.1	4.88
High Yield	216.9	230.8	+0.3	4.89
Balanced	589.7	608.7	+0.8	3.02
Am Inc	36.18	38.53e	+0.39	4.92
World Acc Vol	33.01	35.15e	+0.19	1.54
Japan	135.6	143.6	+1.2	0.01
Sec of Am	339.5	357.3	+2.8	0.01
BL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD PO Box 128 Beckenham Kent BR3 4PN Tel: 081-663 3099				
Euro Gth	89.55	95.35	+1.23	1.54
1652 Euro Spc	61.61	65.69ø	+0.60	1.48
Intl Inc	67.32	71.39	+0.83	2.85
Am Gth	53.10	56.79ø	+0.46	1.41
Pacific Gth	73.86	78.98	-0.01	1.04
UK Gth Acc	83.24	89.01c	..	2.51
Do Dist	74.05	79.19c	+0.01	3.18
UK Income	63.60	68.01c	-0.17	6.63
BARCLAYS UNICORN Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel. 081-534 5544				
Capital	90.95	97.59ø	+0.43	3.53
Euro Gth Inc	93.51	99.74ø	+1.41	1.66
Extra Inc	98.27	105.1	+0.20	6.13
General	209.0	223.5	-0.4	3.66
Gil/Fixd Income	51.49	53.39ø	+0.34	9.58
Intl Trust	437.8	469.2ø	+0.7	6.15
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 158, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4KQ Tel: 081-658 6000				
Amer Gth	70.63	74.72ø	+0.65	0.40
Am Sm Co	77.34	82.27	+0.90	0.20
Australia	58.75	64.15	-0.12	1.50
Convertible	48.05	49.25	+0.40	0.50
East	132.0	140.8	-0.6	1.30
Equity Inc	77.60	82.76	+0.38	6.60
Euro Gth	179.7	191.1	+1.9	2.20
Euro Smlr Cos	155.3	167.1	-1.1	1.50
Exempt	74.94	78.75ø	+0.59	3.90
German Gth	46.18	49.33	+0.43	1.10
Global Gth	89.50	95.14	+0.29	1.00
Jap Gth	147.3	157.6ø	-1.7	0.00
Jap Smlrs	130.2	138.8	-2.3	0.00
Pmr	99.61	104.0ø	+0.66	3.90
Do Acc	170.6	177.7ø	+1.1	3.90
UK Growth	58.19	62.77	+0.95	4.20
UK Smlr Cos	69.69	74.74	+0.81	2.90
Select Man	54.57	58.05	+0.23	3.10
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 150, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	63.42	69.22	+0.59	2.71
Do Inc	63.42	69.77	+0.59	2.71
Global Bond	72.99	76.46	+0.06	6.53
High Yield Acc	41.7	44.6	+0.1	5.18
Do Inc	33.04	35.34	+0.11	5.18
Inc Gth Acc	61.79	66.09	+0.40	5.18
Do Inc	43.89	46.94	+0.29	5.18
Service Co Acc	68.56	73.75	+0.98	2.46
Do Inc	65.55	70.11	+0.95	2.46
Am Gth Acc	34.46	36.89	+0.26	1.28
Do Inc	30.82	33.17ø	+0.78	1.28
Euro Gth Acc	28.94	30.06c	+0.12	1.68
Do Inc	25.38	27.14c	+0.27	1.68
Managed Port	25.69	27.46	+0.15	0.00
BROWN SHIPLEY 8-17, Pavymount Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144				
Financial	102.2	108.9ø	-1.9	4.34
Smlr Cos Acc	187.2	199.4	+1.5	0.00
Do Inc	112.7	120.0	+0.9	1.92
High Inc	60.50	70.93c	-1.60	8.70
Income	98.31	104.7	+0.8	6.00
Man Port Inc	62.11	67.45ø	+0.74	2.36
Do Acc	151.5	161.3ø	+3.6	2.20
Nth Amer	76.76	83.69	+0.38	0.36
Orient	55.53	59.13	+0.39	0.30
Exempt	234.2	309.7	+1.2	4.37
Recov	31.64	33.59	-0.64	3.52
German	36.62	39.24	+0.12	0.10
Intl Recov	28.94	30.94	+0.46	0.28
Europa	20.99	22.59	+0.25	0.50
Conv Gerat	17.65	18.80c	-0.24	10.12
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort Hse 15 St Botolph St London EC3A 7JJ Tel: 071-247 4542 Dealing 071-247 7474				
Fellowship Inc	54.48	57.98	+0.42	2.86
Do Acc	58.75	62.53	+0.45	2.86
Inc Fund 3	174.0	185.2	+0.6	5.69
Do Acc 3	368.6	393.2	+1.3	5.69
Inv Port Inc	55.03	58.59ø	+0.33	2.91
Do Acc	59.19	63.07ø	+0.35	2.91
Smlr Inc 5	98.41	104.7	+4.69	3.37
Do Acc 5	113.5	120.8	+5.4	3.37
Hi Inc Prt Inc	51.02	52.69ø	+0.11	8.03
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL Tel: 071-480 7216				
Shl Gt Fxd Int	62.29	63.11	+0.05	6.47
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105 Manchester M60 0AH Tel: 061-837 5050				
Envion	105.1	111.9	+0.5	2.21
UK Growth	118.6	126.2ø	+0.3	2.62
UK Income	110.9	118.0	..	5.45
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1, Chancery Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 081-902 8878				
BE Asia	51.95	55.56	-0.23	2.23
Growth	40.61	43.65e	+0.39	3.84
Income	49.44	52.86e	+0.19	6.06
Far East	38.12	40.77e	+0.36	0.70
Nth Amer	57.73	61.74e	+1.28	0.57
Global	92.49	99.74	+1.02	0.09
European	60.28	64.47	+0.47	2.92
Japan	91.58	97.95	+0.46	0.01
Strategic Opp	47.74	51.06	+0.21	2.03
Intl Currency	47.51	50.69	+0.12	7.84
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 65 Fountain Street, Manchester M22AF Tel: Enquiries 061-236 5065 Dealing: 061-236 5362				
Capability Trust				
Am & Gen	97.91	104.1	+2.39	0.26
Do Acc	104.0	110.6	+2.53	0.26
European	53.05	61.88ø	+0.80	1.32
Do Acc	53.99	63.75ø	+0.83	1.32
F East/Gen	46.38	49.54	+0.38	0.00
Do Acc	46.88	49.54	+0.38	0.00
Gearing	227.1	241.8ø	-4.5	2.51
Do Acc	246.0	263.0ø	-2.5	2.51
Growth	298.1	317.2ø	-1.9	2.68
Do Acc	484.4	518.0ø	-3.0	2.68
Inc 5Gth Inc	334.0	355.4ø	+0.2	4.92
Do Acc	416.6	443.2ø	+0.3	4.92
Master Portf	234.87	68.14ø	+0.38	2.75
Do Acc	254.29	68.02ø	+0.41	2.75
Spec Sits	68.65	70.80ø	-0.03	2.79
Do Acc	74.85	78.74ø	-0.04	2.79
Exempt Fund				
High Yld Exmt	£10.73	11.07	+0.01	5.48
Do Acc	£11.58	11.94	+0.01	5.48
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT 3, Harbour Exchange Square, London, E14 9GU Tel: Telephone 071-865 5000 Dealings 071-865 5065				
Amer Index	154.2	164.5	-1.8	2.07
Capel	483.0	515.4	+0.2	3.62
Euro Index	112.9	120.4	+0.9	1.98
Euro Growth	73.62	77.92	+0.46	1.55
Far East Gth	85.02	91.93	-0.99	1.22
Global Bond	20.27	21.59ø	+0.14	6.56
Gold Gen S &	61.48	65.61	-1.71	3.75
Hong Kong	42.59	45.46	-2.22	3.09
Income	458.1	489.0	+1.3	5.27
Intl Sp Sits	61.62	65.76	-0.34	1.30
Jap Gth	184.3	207.3	-2.1	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	28.56	30.46	-0.60	0.00
Jap Index	60.06	64.09	-0.95	0.36
N Amer	321.5	343.2	-2.6	1.53
Sing Malay	34.17	36.46	-0.14	0.00
Tiger Index	90.84	96.94c	+1.05	1.25
UK Index	116.9	118.9ø	+0.3	4.07
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN Tel: 071-606 0708				
Amer Port	60.03	64.21	+0.82	1.71
Euro Port	62.70	68.83	+1.36	0.86
Jap Portf	43.09	45.85	-0.25	0.00
Pacific Portf	60.69	65.26	-0.83	2.01
Portf	60.41	64.92	+0.42	3.13
UK Inc/Gth	58.03	62.34	+0.26	5.31
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815				
Income	527.4	530.7e	..	5.28
Acc	£18.12	18.38		
Deposit	100.0		..	10.80
Fixed Int Inc	111.3	111.5ø	..	10.40
Do Acc	125.0	125.3ø	..	
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard London Bridge SE1 Tel: 071-407 5888				
Assets	52.69	55.47e	+1.55	2.92
Back Int Cp Ac	63.66	65.38	-0.32	5.36
Fixe Hse Ec	173.9	184.3	+7.6	5.18
Fixe Hse Cap	213.1	225.8ø	+9.0	2.71
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: Enquiries 081-681 2222 Dealing 081-686 5816				
Am Gth	80.86	86.04	+0.58	1.62
Euro Gth	80.09	85.20	-0.38	1.47
Far East	71.71	76.29	+0.09	0.73
Jap Gwth	34.10	36.28ø	+0.35	0.00
Managed Inc	53.74	57.17	+0.21	5.12
Do Acc	61.59	65.53	+0.23	5.12
Monthly Inc	41.96	44.64ø	-0.24	10.11
Smlr Cos Inc	27.68	29.64	+0.14	3.45
UK/Gen Inc	29.69	31.76	+0.15	3.45
Do Acc	63.04	67.06	-0.03	3.91
W'wide Bond	72.27	76.88	-0.02	3.91
Do Acc	59.68	64.14c	+0.54	5.26
W'wide Sp Sits	44.46	47.56ø	+0.17	1.22
Do Acc	45.01	48.21ø	+0.17	1.22
Quilter Gen Inc	109.2	116.2	+0.21	1.91
Do Acc	115.7	123.1	+0.21	1.91
Quilter Inc	89.75	95.48	-0.11	5.59
Do Acc	101.5	108.0	-0.11	5.59
Quilter Int Inc	104.3	111.0	+0.63	0.61
Do Acc	105.3	112.0	+0.63	0.61
Qltr UK S/S Inc	70.59	75.10	+0.95	4.25
Do Accum	81.11	86.33	+0.44	4.25
COMMERCIAL UNION MANAGEMENT				
Finance/Prop	90.09	95.84c	+0.07	3.13
Fixed/Conv	34.5	36.7ø	+0.2	8.86
Do Acc	60.68	66.10ø	-0.72	8.86
Equity Inc	136.0	141.5ø	-0.08	5.37
Do Acc	284.7	418.9ø	-11.9	5.37
High Yield Inc	107.9	114.7c	-0.02	6.84
Do Acc	367.7	391.1c	-0.04	6.84
Preference Inc	42.05	42.61ø	+1.60	10.11
Do Acc	91.81	93.08ø	+2.34	10.11
PRT Europe	131.8	140.3ø	+1.02	0.67
PRT Global	62.27	66.24ø	+0.40	3.73
PRT Gld/Com	44.49	47.39ø	-0.61	2.73
PRT The	38.09	38.53ø	+1.00	0.00
PPT HK	52.41	55.76ø	-0.48	1.28
PPT Jap	99.97	108.3ø	+0.20	1.04
PPT Nth Amer	116.1	117.1ø	+1.52	0.86
PPT Sing/Mal	72.23	76.84ø	+0.94	0.00
PPT UK	101.9	108.4ø	-1.69	1.50
PPT Cash	82.76	ø +0.12		11.28
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 0345 090526				
Amer	89.85	95.25	+0.28	1.15
Cap	128.6	134.5	+1.4	2.28
Convertible	23.10	24.54c	+0.10	7.95
Eurofund	33.12	34.99	+0.20	1.14
Exmpt Mngd	146.9	155.5	+4.5	3.70
Growth/Inc	206.2	219.1ø	+0.4	4.91
High Dist	148.1	158.4	+0.3	8.57
Intl	274.2	291.3ø	+1.7	1.51
Intl Inc	61.44	65.59	+0.02	6.22
Pacific	37.01	39.32	+0.12	1.02
Smlr Jap Cos	60.47	64.25	-1.16	0.00
Tokyo	165.1	174.8c	+0.4	0.00
Ex Am 2	168.2	172.9	-3.6	1.46
Ex Jap 3	108.5	111.5	-0.1	0.08
Ex Smlr Jap 4	528.8	533.8	-12.9	0.08
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 577855				
Overall Op Acc	53.98	62.72	-0.01	1.26
Jasmine	51.03	54.26c	+0.40	0.00
UK Balan Inc	100.7	107.1	+0.2	3.26
Do Acc	113.7	121.0	+0.2	3.26
UK Gth Accum	167.3	178.0	+0.1	2.01
UK Hi Inc	130.0	137.7	+0.2	5.42
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N Amer Acc	88.44	98.77ø	+1.94	1.05
Euro Acc	108.0	114.9ø	+1.9	0.24
UK Pref/Fl Inc	85.31	88.69	+0.25	8.15
Do Acc	79.27	84.07	+0.58	8.15
Intl Eq S Acc	41.99	44.26c	+0.73	0.85
Emerald Opp	56.87	60.50	+0.43	1.33
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 41, Hermitage Gardens London SW7 4JJ Tel: 071-373 7281				
Endurance	148.4	157.8	+0.3	1.86
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Weldon Street Aylesbury, HP21 7DW Tel: 0296 431495				
Gerfish Pelican	106.7	112.4	+0.38	4.95
High Inc	112.4	118.4	+0.43	6.99
T Of Inv Tr	112.0	117.9ø	+0.63	3.15
Spec Sits	99.72	104.9c	+1.21	4.23
N Am	70.96	84.19c	+0.16	1.00
Far East	109.2	118.1	+0.82	1.35
Intl Gth	78.34	83.25	+0.29	2.04
Euro	57.04	60.04	+0.43	1.88
Smlr Cos	54.31	57.17	-0.06	4.15
EQUITY & LAW St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1GD Tel: 0203 553231				
UK Gth Accum	288.1	305.3	+0.1	3.23
Do Inc	201.8	214.5	+0.1	3.23
Higher Inc Acc	470.4	500.4	-0.9	4.74
Do Inc	311.5	331.4	-0.6	4.74
Gilts/Fixd Acc	138.7	146.0c	+0.5	8.55
Do Inc	92.93	97.90c	+0.28	8.55
N America	181.3	192.9	+8.1	0.00
Far East	221.8	236.1	+1.9	0.57
Europe	204.4	217.5c	+3.9	0.00
Gend	371.1	394.8c	+1.0	3.28
Gent Acc	394.0	419.6c	+1.0	3.28
Br Excellence	57.02	60.67	+0.99	3.12
Br Pdmtn Inc	60.30	64.15c	+1.11	5.76
Intl Inc Fund	100.9	114.0	-0.1	5.00
US Smlr Cos	138.3	149.0	+3.0	0.00
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0732 414161				
American	169.3	179.0	+2.7	0.00
Cash Unit	131.77	ø	+0.23	11.16
European	97.07	103.9	+1.18	0.00
Gilt/Inc	129.0	136.4	+1.4	9.30
Inc Plus	105.6	113.3c	+1.5	7.17
UK Gth	93.32	97.19ø	+0.27	0.00
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse Primrose Street London EC2A 2NY Tel: 071-628 8000				
Euro Income	76.76	84.49ø	+0.74	4.05
Far East	112.9	122.9	+0.7	0.00
Dynamic Income	68.12	73.66	+0.20	4.27
UK Growth	70.16	75.03	+0.61	1.71
Intl Inc Fund	100.9	114.0	-0.1	5.00
US Smlr Cos	138.3	149.0	+3.0	0.00
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT Tel: 071-374 4100				
Am Smlr Cos	294.6	320.1ø	+5.8	..
Do Acc	301.0	327.1ø	+5.9	..
Capital Inc	244.5	260.0	+0.5	3.23
Do Acc	253.8	269.8	+0.6	3.23
Cont Smlr Inc	40.57	43.91	+0.47	3.23
Do Acc	41.85	44.34	+0.18	3.31
Cont Inc	104.0	110.2	+0.3	7.49
Do Acc	105.6	111.8	+0.3	7.49
Euro Inc	86.86	94.78	+0.81	0.69
Do Acc	91.28	97.37	+0.86	0.69
Extra Inc Inc	230.0	255.9ø	+1.9	5.45
Do Acc	320.5	350.4ø	+4.1	5.45
Financial Acc	84.82	89.95	+0.65	0.91
Do Inc	62.65	66.04	+0.53	0.91
Inc Trust	165.4	176.9	+0.1	5.33
Do Acc	211.4	224.9	+0.2	5.33
Intl Gth	248.4	267.2	+4.6	..
Do Acc	276.9	298.7	+5.3	..
Jap & Gen Inc	135.5	146.4	-0.8	..
Do Acc	139.5	148.0	-0.8	..
Mangd Port Inc	77.37	81.44	+0.57	1.84
Do Acc	78.04	82.14	+0.57	1.84
Monthly Inc	123.5	132.2ø	+0.6	6.53
Recov	207.9	225.8ø	+0.8	1.23
Do Acc	340.4	261.0ø	+3.1	1.23
Smlr Inc	38.47	40.92c	+0.40	3.96
Do Acc	41.69	44.34c	+0.42	3.96
Gilt Gth Inc	60.12	63.97	+0.11	5.16
Do Acc	65.30	67.24	+0.12	5.16
Gilt Inc Inc	58.11	59.62	+0.11	9.08
Do Acc	66.01	68.06	+0.13	9.08
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealings 0722 411411 Admin 0722 411922				
Equity Dist	288.8	307.9	+0.00	3.78
Do Acc	554.7	590.1	-0.12	3.78
Euro Gth Dist	91.49	97.33ø	+0.60	0.65
Do Acc	95.28	101.31ø	+0.63	0.65
Fixed Int Dist	117.1	123.0c	+0.07	8.12
Do Acc	180.9	190.7c	+1.34	8.12
Int Gth Dist	62.53	66.62	+0.25	0.73
Do Acc	64.05	68.14	+0.24	0.73
N Am Dist	148.9	158.4ø	+2.15	1.20
Do Acc	153.3	163.1ø	+2.21	1.20
Prop Bonds Dist	183.6	195.4ø	-2.15	0.56
Do Acc	188.9	197.8ø	-2.16	0.56
Stand Dist	281.4	299.5	+1.80	2.85
Do Acc	279.4	295.0	+1.80	2.85
Stand Inc Dist	81.66	85.17ø	+0.42	5.04
Do Acc	83.25	84.11ø	+0.49	5.04
NAm Stand Dist	72.23	77.00ø	+1.86	0.26
Do Acc	76.32	81.18ø	+1.85	0.26
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tel: 071-283 2575 Dealing 071-628 9431				
Am Sp Sits	98.00	91.99	+0.16	0.00
UK Inc Inc	140.2	150.0ø	+0.6	4.20
Do Acc	230.0	246.0ø	+1.0	4.20
Do Spec Sits	53.44	57.16	+0.46	2.00
Inc Fund	89.95	108.9c	-0.18	7.85
Intl	185.4	198.3	+1.8	1.26
US/Gend	67.76	71.97	+1.08	0.63
Jap & Gent	346.6	361.7	+0.2	0.00
Far East/Gen	189.5	201.7	+0.2	0.32
Euro	321.1	342.2	+4.5	1.13
Germany	84.94	91.58	+0.65	0.46
Intl Inc	59.49	63.16	+0.31	5.58
W'wid Spec Sit	94.06	100.6	+2.09	0.13
Global Pop Inc	48.15	51.50	+0.11	2.87
Do Acc	49.74	53.20	+0.12	2.87
Smlr Cos Div	40.43	43.25	+0.54	6.47
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16-19 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 071-623 1212 Dealing: 0277 284421 Services: 0800 289336				
UK Growth Trusts				
British Gth	38.34	38.87ø	-0.14	1.72
Cash	115.34	c	+0.18	10.77
Pract Inv Inc	91.49	98.11	+0.30	9.71
Do Acc	183.4	196.7	+1.40	3.71
Income Trusts	97.59	104.4	+1.05	3.17
Extra Inc	62.72	67.06	+0.34	7.25
Preference	21.02	22.08ø	+0.46	12.32
High Inc	31.6	33.8c	-0.1	8.77
Income	109.0	116.6ø	-0.07	3.98
Int Fixd Int	23.61	24.75	+0.20	7.31
International Trusts				
Gold Int	64.58	69.22	-1.16	1.48
Exponentiate	18.10	19.33	+0.23	0.67
Frontier Mkts	33.42	35.84	+0.60	0.26
Glob Inc/Gth	92.36	98.84	+1.58	2.53
Japan	88.91	94.65	+0.89	3.98
Overseas Trusts				
American	94.46	100.6	+2.37	1.28
European	63.37	67.36	+0.61	1.47
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Pride that dulled the pain of disappointment

Roger Black talks about the excitement of winning his silver medal in the 400 metres in Tokyo this week and of his hopes for the team in the relay

There were no big celebrations on Thursday evening, the night a full year's work had come to fruition for me with a silver medal in the world *championships*. I drank my first alcohol — some wine — in a long, long time at a quiet dinner with Kriss Akabusi, our coach, Mike Whittingham, and Alan Pascoe. But I couldn't let my hair down. I still have a job to do in the 4 x 400 metres relay today and tomorrow.

My emotions at what has happened here are mixed. The immediate one on crossing the line *was disappointment* because I thought I had been capable of winning but Antonio Pettigrew had come with a late run to take the gold medal I had wanted. But then my emotion changed to anticipation as I wondered whether I, or Danny Everett, had got silver. I felt I deserved it because I had made all the running and made the race.

In the immediate interview I gave to the BBC, I came across as being slightly disappointed. I said I really should have won, but now, as I collect my thoughts here in the team hotel, my disappointment is less and the pride of doing well is great. And getting greater. Now I am pretty happy. What I have to do is start focussing on the 4 x 400.

If I get a gold in the relay, that will more than compensate for getting silver in the individual . . . *more than compensate*. It would mean that, between myself and Kriss, my close friend and training partner, we would have a gold, a silver and a bronze, a full set of medals.

It is *my belief that gold in an* individual race means more to the individual than to the nation but a gold in the 4 x 400 would, I think, mean more to the nation than it would to me. However, my pride as an athlete representing my country could not be greater than if we won the 4 x 400.

When I stood up on the rostrum and got my silver medal I saw the flag and felt a deep sense of personal pride. If the relay team is on top of the rostrum, there will be more national pride and I think *that can be seen in the way the* nation reacts to a relay — four men coming together to make a team. You are not running under your own name, you are running under the name of your country.

It will be hard for us to pull it off, but I think the least we will come away with is silver to add to Liz McColgan's first gold medal for Britain. We do not yet know what our team is but we will be fired up to win. We are going for gold.

What has been highlighted out here to us is the difference between the European championships, when Britain won nine events, and the world championships. We have seen a lot of bad luck — and bad luck should not always be mistaken for bad performances.

The obvious example is Tom McKean, who went out of the 800 metres in the first round because he eased up too much coming up to the line. Colin Jackson had bad luck, getting injured while he was warming-up for the 110 metres hurdles. Steve Backley was very disappointing in the javelin and he would be the first to admit it was a bad performance; Yvonne Murray the same in the 3,000 metres. But *what you are seeing is that the* pressures out here are far greater than they are at a European championships; that is why, in hindsight, Kriss and I are pleased we have dealt with the pressure.

John Regis will be disappointed with his performance in the 200 metres; Linford Christie will be satisfied with his in the 100 metres but disappointed that he did not get a medal. I feel sorry for Linford more than anybody because people remember medals. But it was a great performance.

I wrote in *The Times* last Saturday that Britain had more medal possibilities here than we had ever had and I thought that we would come back with our pockets jangling. I make no excuses for that comment because I feel Peter Elliott, Colin Jackson, Steve Backley, Yvonne Murray, Tom McKean, Linford Christie and John Regis were definitely medal possibilities and the odds against none of them winning medals were high.

I also said that we could get no golds, or five golds, and I stand by that because I could have won, Kriss could have won, and Sally Gunnell and Tony Jarrett could have, as well as Liz McColgan; but the luck has gone the other way.

It is not only nice to have the medal but also to know that it will help set me up financially for the immediate future. *At the moment*, I have been the most successful British male track athlete here and there is a price for that to be paid by promoters who want me to run in their meetings. I will not be open to prostituting my athletic ability but, especially because I had two years out injured and I know it could happen again, I have to set myself up professionally.

There are just a few meetings left now before the season ends and my immediate goal is Derek Redmond's British record of 44.50sec. I missed it on Thursday. I was surprised the race was so slow and I expected to get it. It is important I get the British record. It would be the icing on the cake.

Learner finds himself sole Briton against Morceli, Aouita and the rest in men's 1,500 metres

Apprentice Yates shows Cram how to make the final

From DAVID POWELL
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TOKYO 1991

MATTHEW Yates succeeded here yesterday where Steve Cram failed by reaching the final of the 1,500 metres at the third world championships. With Peter Elliott having gone home injured before the championships had begun, and Cram lost for speed in his semi-final charge for the line, Yates will be Britain's only representative.

"*I can't go to Disney World* now that I am running in the final" was Yates's first response. That was Yates all over. He is a character who sometimes offends, but who is usually amusing company.

In his first season on the international circuit, he complained about the food at a free buffet given by a respected promoter; when he beat Cram to win the AAA championship last month, he turned to the mile world record holder soon after they had crossed the line and asked him whether he was going to retire; when Tom McKean and David Sharpe finished first and second in the European 800 metres final, guess who it was who finished last *but who joined in the lap of* honour anyway.

Aged 22, Yates has come a long way since *Athletics Weekly* ran a headline: Matthew Who? He had just come from nowhere to qualify for the 1990 Commonwealth Games 800 metres. And there, against all expert predictions, he won a bronze medal.

He is making a good learner. When he went to the European championships last summer, he reached the final despite being in the early *throes of adjusting his training* for 1,500 metres. Now he has not only qualified for his third successive international championship but has reached the final in every one.

His apprenticeship is approaching its conclusion. "I am not bothered this year; its next year that counts," he said. Or, as he put it last week: "To make the world final is enough for me as a youngster and anything after that is a bonus."

The medals tomorrow look destined, in order, for Noureddine Morceli, Said *Aouita and then take your* pick from: Cacho, Kirochi, Herold, Doyle, Kibet. But Rono, the Olympic champion, went out with Cram.

"I am upset with myself that I did not qualify," Cram, who was seventh in the slower semi-final said. "I did all the hard work. I cannot believe I have come here and run two races slower than 3min 40sec." Will he now move up to 5,000 metres?

Cram apart, it was a good day for Britain, and not only because of Liz McColgan's gold. Success in British shot putting went with Geoff Capes but Paul Edwards, with one of his best marks of the season, 19.28 metres, reached today's final. And Dalton Grant will be in the high jump final tomorrow after his qualifying clearance of 2.27 metres. Rob Denmark and Gary Staines came through the 5,000 metres semi-finals but, with Khalid Skah and Yobes Ondieki in the final tomorrow either would do exceedingly well to win a medal.

Other Britons in finals this weekend, the last two days of the championships, are Tom Hanlon, a marginal medal contender in the steeplechase, which the Kenyans should dominate, and Kirsty Wade in the 1,500 metres. Hassiba Boulmerka, Doina Melinte and Tatyana Dorovskikh, who is trying to complete a middle distance double, should be the medal winners.

Falling with joy: Dan O'Brien clears 5.20 metres in the decathlon pole vault

Krabbe glides to second success

From DAVID POWELL

KATRIN Krabbe, who came to prominence with her sprint double in the European championships last year, repeated the achievement at world championship level yesterday when she added the 200 metres gold medal to the one she had taken in the 100 metres on Tuesday.

In a finishing order that mirrored the 100 metres, Gwen Torrence, of the United States, was second and Merlene Ottey, of Jamaica, third.

Ottey had been the favourite for both events, having dominated women's sprinting for the last three seasons. For 180 metres here, she looked as though she would at least take second place but Torrence had the strength to come through. However, Krabbe's victory never looked in doubt.

The pity was that Krabbe, aged 21, from Germany, was unable to show on the clock what she is capable of. She had strong winds blowing into her face in both her semi-final, in which she ran 22.30sec, and the final, in which she recorded 22.09.

She succeeds *Silke Gladisch* as double world champion and Germans have now won all six women's sprint titles contested since the championships were inaugurated in 1983.

While Lyudmila Narozhilenko, of the Soviet Union, won the 100 metres hurdles, the bouquets went to the runner-up, Gail Devers-Roberts, from California, who six months ago was preparing herself for the possibility of having her feet amputated.

She was suffering from Graves Disease, a life-threatening thyroid condition. "The doctor who diagnosed it said I was two weeks away from the cancerous stage," Devers-Roberts, aged 24, said.

Subsequent radiation treatment produced side-effects. "I was on the track walking and felt a pain from my knee to my stomach," she said. "It felt like something had ripped. There was haemorrhaging . . . blood clots the size of silver dollars. I was approaching the stage where they would have to amputate my feet."

However, doctors found a solution and on thyroid pills which she must take daily for the rest of her life, she resumed training and, in June, qualified *for the United States team*. Now she has a world silver medal. "It proves that miracles do happen," she said.

Eccentrics in way of marathon disaster

TOMORROW is *national* disaster day in Japan (David Powell writes). And, for the world championship marathon just after sunrise, Britain will have a team suited to the mood of every September *here since* 1923, when 142,000 died in an earthquake.

The nation that hosts the world's biggest marathon has been unable to raise a team of three. In British vests there will be only Dave Buzza and Sam Carey. Good English eccentrics — explanation in a moment — but hardly a pair of combative Brits in the tradition of Steve Jones and Charlie Spedding.

The sharp end should come down to Gelindo Bordin, the Olympic champion, Douglas Wakiihuri, the world-champion and Steve Moneghetti, whose big day is yet to come but surely will soon. Takeyuki Nakayama and Hiromi Taniguchi, on home ground, should also be up there.

Wakiihuri, a Kenyan, learned his craft in Japan, where the marathon seems a culture more than a sport. But has the great Wakiihuri had his day? He has looked less impressive than usual in his last two marathons.

Bordin's consistency has also come into question; he dropped out of London at 16 miles. This time Moneghetti looks the man if he can cope with humidity. In Australia he has been breaking course records set by Rob de Castella in the weeks before he ran his two finest marathons.

Buzza and Carey treat life as it comes. Buzza, who dropped out of running to tour the world, was caught in civil war in El Salvador and confined to his hotel. As the bullets flew and bombs fell he brushed up on his O-level Spanish.

Carey ran a world cross-country trial barefoot and had no shoes on when he finished the London Marathon. On training runs here he has been finding his way with a compass. Tomorrow, there should be plenty to show him the way.

Spanish protest rejected

STEVE Cram's failure to qualify for the 1,500 metres final was preceded by a protest by the Spanish athletics federation. Furious at what they believed was another example of bias towards British athletes, the Spanish said Cram should not have been reinstated after being eliminated in the opening round on Thursday.

They thought the international *jury of appeal* bowed wrongly to pressure from the British team management, which successfully appealed to have Cram put into the semi-finals. Although the Spanish admitted their move was unlikely to succeed — it was later turned down — it emphasised the strong sense of injustice felt by other European nations, who feel Britain has too much influence within the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF).

"We are protesting because international officials seem to take care of British athletes more than any other in the world, *even the Americans*," the Spanish Federation secretary-general, José-Luis De Carlos, said.

The Federation believes Cram's reinstatement was the *second example* of bias towards Britain in the past year, following an incident involving Peter Elliott at the European championships in Split.

☐ The Soviet sprinter, Irina Slyusar, was tested positive for strychnine and given a three-month suspension by the IAAF yesterday (AP reports). She had finished sixth in the 100 metres semi-finals on Monday. Delisa Floyd, of the *United States*, a semi-finalist in the women's 800 metres, was suspended for four years on Thursday for taking amphetamine.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS FROM TOKYO

Men

1,500 metres

Semi-finals

First five in each heat and overall two fastest losers qualify for final

HEAT ONE: 1, N Morceli (Alg), 3min 39.90sec; 2, W Kirochi (Ken), 3:40.73; 3, F Cacho (Sp), 3:40.83; 4, G Di Napoli (It), 3:40.84; 5, M Silva (Por), 3:40.94; 6, M Yates (GB), 3:41.24; 7, H Fuhlbrugge (Ger), 3:41.41.

HEAT TWO: 1, J-P Herold (Ger), 3:41.23; 2, S Aouita (Mor), 3:41.45; 3, M Suleiman (Qatar), 3:41.48; 4, S Doyle (Aus), 3:41.52; 5, D Kibet (Ken), 3:41.54.

British non-qualifier: S Cram (seventh in heat two, 3:41.67).

5,000 metres

Heats

First four in each heat and overall three fastest losers qualify for final

QUALIFIERS: Heat one: 1, I Kinuthia (Ken), 13min 57.65sec; 2, K Skah (Mor), 13:58.45; 3, G Staines (GB), 13:58.69; 4, D Padilla (US), 13:58.83. Heat two: 1, B Boutayeb (Mor), 13:53.75; 2, D Baumann (Ger), 13:54.07; 3, S Mei (It), 13:54.36; 4, Dionisio Castro (Por), 13:54.39. Heat three: 1, F Bayissa (Eth), 13:41.69; 2, R Denmark (GB), 13:46.25; 3, Y Ondieki (Ken), 13:47.05; 4, Domingos Castro (Por), 13:47.61; 5, R Uimala (Fin), 13:48.86; 6, B Kennedy (US), 13:53.58; 7, A Anton (Sp), 13:53.60.

British non-qualifiers: I Hamer (sixth in heat two, 13:54.49); F O'Mara (Ire, tenth in heat three, 14:03.19).

High jump

Qualifying

2.30m or leading 12 overall (plus ties) qualify for final

QUALIFIERS: Pool A: equal 1, C Austin (US) and M Drake (Cuba), 2.27m; 3, D Grant (GB), 2.27; 4, A Ortiz (Sp), 2.27; equal 5, D Topic (Yug) and T Kemp (Bah), 2.27; 7, R Nol (US), 2.27; 8, R Povarnitsyn (USSR), 2.27. Pool B: equal 1, A Partyka (Pol) and J Sotomayor (Cuba), 2.27; 3, I Paklin (USSR), 2.27; 4, H Conway (US), 2.27; 5, P Sjoberg (Swe), 2.27; 6, S Hoen (Nor), 2.27. British non-qualifier: S Smith (sixteenth in pool A, 2.20). Did not start: D Grant (GB).

Long jump

Final

1, M Powell (US), 8.85m (world record); 2, C Lewis (US), 8.91; 3, L Myricks (US), 8.42; 4, D Haaf (Ger), 8.22; 5, B Tudor (Rom), 8.06; 6, D Culbert (Aus), 8.02; 7, G Evangelisti (It), 8.01; 8, V Ochkan (USSR), 7.99.

Shot

Qualifying

19.60m or leading 12 overall qualify for final

QUALIFIERS: Pool A: 1, W Gunthor (Switz), 20.97m; 2, S Nikolayev (USSR), 20.18; 3, L Nilsen (Nor), 19.79; 4, G Weil (Chile), 19.51; 5, S Buder (Ger), 19.44; 6, P Edwards (GB), 19.28; 7, D Peric (Yug), 19.21. Pool B: 1, G Andersen (Nor), 20.41; 2, A Klimenko (USSR), 19.79; 3, K Larsson (Swe), 19.20; 4, R Backus (US), 19.05; 5, A Andrei (It), 19.00.

Decathlon

Leading final positions

1, D O'Brien (US), 8,812pts (10.41sec 100m, 7.90m long jump, 18.24m shot, 1.91m high jump, 48.53sec 400m, 13.94sec 110m hurdles, 47.20m discus, 5.20m pole vault, 60.66m javelin, 4min 37.50sec 1,500m); 2, M Smith (Can), 8,549 (10.81, 7.88, 15.69, 2.09, 47.53, 14.78, 49.42, 4.40, 65.46, 4:29.14); 3, C Schenk (Ger), 8,394 (11.37, 7.55, 15.77, 2.18, 50.10, 15.28, 45.86, 4.90, 61.68, 4:22.58); 4, R Zmelik (Cz), 8,379; 5, P Keskitalo (Fin), 8,318; 6, S Poelman (NZ), 8,257; 7, E Hamalainen (USSR), 8,233; 8, A Persaker (Sp), 8,200; 9, C Plaziat (Fr), 8,122; 10, Y Dauth (Ger), 8,082; 11, B Gehweiler (Switz), 8,011; 12, M Kohnle (Ger), 8,000; 13, A Blondel (Fr), 7,848; 14, M Kaneko (Japan), 7,672; 15, P Scott (Aus), 7,663.

Women

200 metres

Semi-finals

First four in each heat qualify for final

HEAT ONE: 1, K Krabbe (Ger), 22.30sec; 2, D Young (US), 22.69; 3, P Davis (Bah), 22.80; 4, Y Vinogradova (USSR), 22.83; 5, E Jones (US), 23.22; 6, J Duporte (Cuba), 23.58; 7, V Jean-Charles (Fr), 23.84; 8, S Jacobs (GB), 23.72.

HEAT TWO: 1, G Torrence (US), 22.58; 2, M Ottey (Jam), 22.58; 3, I Privalova (USSR), 22.70; 4, G Malchugina (USSR), 22.92; 5, S Knoll (Ger), 23.49; 6, M Nedoretscheff (Fr), 23.79; 7, S Hanhijoki (Fin), 24.12; 8, O Kolodni (Isr), 24.27.

Final

1, Krabbe, 22.09; 2, Torrence, 22.15; 3, Ottey, 22.21; 4, Privalova, 22.28; 5, Malchugina, 22.88; 6, Young, 22.87; 7, Davis, 22.90; 8, Vinogradova, 23.10.

10,000 metres

Final

1, L McColgan (GB), 31min 14.31sec; 2, Zhong Huandi (China), 31:35.09; 3, Wang Xiuting (China), 31:35.99; 4, K Ullrich (Ger), 31:39.56; 5, L Jennings (US), 31:54.44; 6, U Pipoldi (Ger), 31:55.68; 7, I Kristiansen (Nor), 32:10.75; 8, D Tulu (Eth), 32:16.55; 9, J Hunter (GB), 32:24.55; 10, L Yesak (Eth), 32:27.61; 11, C Ferreira (Por), 32:29 12, 12, D Asiago (Ken), 32:33.71; 13, T Pozdnyakova (USSR), 32:35.17; 14, Wang Yongmei (China), 32:40.22; 15, R Munerotto (It), 32:44.43; 16, M Igarashi (Japan), 32:44.82; 17, I Negura (Rom), 32:53.57; 18, C Roulland (Can), 32:58.77; 19, A Sergent-Paluy (Fr), 33:01.92; 20, I Maki (Japan), 33:27.94; 21, J Ngotho (Ken), 33:38.91.

100 metres hurdles

Final

1, L Narozhilenko (USSR), 12.59sec; 2, G Devers-Roberts (US), 12.63; 3, N Grigoryeva (USSR), 12.69; 4, M Ewanje-Epee (Fr), 12.84; 5, J Baumann (Switz), 12.88; 6, F Colin (Fr), 13.01; 7, A López (Cuba), 13.08; 8, K Patzwahl (Ger), 13.07.

MEDALS

	G	S	B	Total
United States	8	6	6	20
Soviet Union	7	5	7	19
Germany	4	2	3	9
Kenya	2	1	1	4
Great Britain	1	2	2	5
China	1	1	1	3
Finland	1	1	1	3
France	1	0	0	1
Italy	1	0	0	1
Poland	1	0	0	1
Zambia	1	0	0	1
Jamaica	0	1	2	3
Canada	0	1	1	2
Hungary	0	1	1	2
Romania	0	1	1	2
Brazil	0	1	0	1
Cuba	0	1	0	1
Japan	0	1	0	1
Namibia	0	1	0	1
Netherlands	0	1	0	1
Sweden	0	1	0	1
Morocco	0	0	1	1
Spain	0	0	1	1

WEEKEND TIMETABLE

All times BST

Today

23.00: 50km walk
02.00: Women's javelin, qualifying, pool A
03.20: Women's javelin, qualifying, pool B
06.00: Women's 4 x 100m relay, qualifying
08.30: Women's high jump, final
08.50: Men's 4 x 100m relay, qualifying
09.30: Women's wheelchair 800m, final
09.50: Men's wheelchair 1,600m, final
10.10: Women's discus, final
10.20: Women's 4 x 100m relay, semi-finals
10.30: Men's shot, final
10.40: Men's 4 x 100m relay, semi-finals
11.00: Women's 1,500m, final
11.20: 3,000m steeplechase, final
11.45: Women's 4 x 400m relay, heats
12.00: Men's 4 x 400m relay, heats

Tomorrow

22.00: Men's marathon
07.00: Men's high jump, final
07.40: Men's 1,500m, final
08.00: Women's javelin, final
08.15: Women's 4 x 100m relay, final
08.50: Men's 4 x 100m relay, final
09.10: 5,000m, final
09.50: Women's 4 x 400m relay, final
10.00: Men's 4 x 400m relay, final
11.00: Closing ceremony

KEY

Aus: Australia. Bah: Bahamas. Can: Canada. Cz: Czechoslovakia. Eth: Ethiopia. Fin: Finland. Fr: France. GB: Great Britain. Ger: Germany. Isr: Israel. It: Italy. Jam: Jamaica. Ken: Kenya. Mor: Morocco. Nor: Norway. NZ: New Zealand. Pol: Poland. Por: Portugal. Rom: Romania. Sp: Spain. Swe: Sweden. Switz: Switzerland. US: United States. USSR: Soviet Union. Yug: Yugoslavia.

Laura Thompson

Carbohydrates go to waste in a tragic plot

Brief plot résumé of *A Week in the Life of a British Athlete*: **Monday:** Modelling Armani winter collection for *Esquire*. (NB — Keep a jacket for *Question of Sport*).
Tuesday: Fly to Tokyo.
Wednesday: Give an interview to the newspapers about how you have been building up to these world championships all season, *all your life*, how you have been pacing yourself and how you are confident of bringing home a medal to Britain.
Thursday: A full day. Two hours parading, hands on hips, around the track. Ten minutes peeling off your Lycra layers. Five minutes shaking out muscles and *blowing little rhinoceros* psych-up breaths. Several seconds winning your heat. Two hours parading around again, hands on hips, with the Lycra straps of your romper suit pulled down around your waist.
Friday: Day spent drinking pints of protein, eating pasta with bananas, peeling on and off *different bits of* Lycra and parading around in them, hands on hips. Get bored. Go training for the sixth time that day. Get injured.
Saturday: On the plane home, read the story of your "tragedy" in the newspapers.
Thereafter: Have some *treatment, do some model*ling, start building up, pacing yourself, working towards the Olympic Games. Go on *Question of Sport* to be interrogated by David Coleman:

"So — errr — what happened in Tokyo then?"

"Yeah, well, who's to say? I . . ."

"Must've been a great disappointment to you?"

"Yeah, well, obviously, I . . ."

"And you'd been running very close to the championship record time?"

"Yeah, well, that's right. I . . ."

"Errr — how's training going now then?"

"Yeah, well, great, I . . ."

"Looking forward to setting the record straight in Barcelona?"

"Yeah, well, hopefully, I . . ."

David never lavishes such attentions upon representatives of other sports, but give him an athlete and the programme simply stops for a few minutes *while he inquires as to the* long-distance runner potential of Liz McColgan's baby. Not being a mind-reader of Coleman calibre ("errr — and poor Yvonne Murray . . . she must feel *awful*"), I cannot say whence this fascination proceeds.

There is, I am afraid, an element of cruel comedy within the tragic plot of *A Week in the Life of a British Athlete*. All that build-up, all that fanatical seriousness, all that pasta, all those bananas — and then: the freak injury, the self-disqualifying ease-up on the line, the break-up with the boy-friend, the sideways push, the dead legs, the heat, the humidity — Linford Christie excepted, the reasons for failure are more ridiculous than noble.

I am beginning to wonder if they are not subconscious get-out clauses, evasions of the Judgment Day, subliminal admissions that all the preparation in the world, all the bananas in Gatesbead, will not give you the unthinking winged assurance of a Sebastian Coe or an Ed Moses or a Michael *Johnson*.

What is the matter with Peter Elliott, for example? I have never seen him run a race but I could write a thesis on his medical history.

An athletics career can be built upon lots of training, lots of parading, hands on hips, an appearance on *Question of Sport*, an occasional great run at Crystal Palace and lots of excuses.

If one knows that, one can always avoid competing properly in the Big League, then one might do so without even being aware that one is doing it. I know I should. Better to maintain one's mystery, one's potential for fulfilment, like Liz McColgan's baby, than to run the race of one's life and still come in fifth behind Katrin Krabbe.

Athletes remind me of actors, and an athletics track reminds me of an outdoor rehearsal room: hours of self-conscious standing around pierced by occasional bursts of pure activity. Actors love being actors. They love the peripheral paraphernalia, going to rehearsals and having tea and Hobnob biscuits, wearing loose and limber rehearsal clothes, doing little improvisations in order to find out where a scene is going, discussing the historical implications of the play, going to first-night parties — activities whose sole meaning is to signify to the actor and to the world that he is An Actor.

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Similarly, parading around, hands on hips, in different permutations of Lycra, shrugging and *shaking parts of yourself* and pretending to treat with nonchalant disdain the body whose sight in the mirror fills you with secret glee, discussing your latest injury, pondering for hours whether removal of your gold necklace would improve your performance by a hundredth of a second, planning race strategy and build-up strategy, blowing up before a world championships — all this signifies to the athlete and to the world that you are An Athlete.

Is this, again, an avoidance technique, similar to the way in which I polish my word processor screen with Mr Sheen when I should be writing one of these pieces? Did Shakespeare spend hours cleaning his ink well? Did Olivier do improvisations? Does Michael Johnson ponder the removal of his gold necklace?

Coleman: leading questions

Spaniard steps up chase for European Open title that has so far eluded him

Ballesteros rises to the challenge

By MITCHELL PLATTS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

SEVERIANO Ballesteros responded to the incentive of trying to win one of the few titles to escape his grasp over the years by moving into a challenging position for the GA European Open when he returned a second round of 70 over the composite course at Walton Heath yesterday.

It was a typically adventurous performance by the flamboyant Spaniard, albeit that the hard fairways and greens made it difficult at times to judge the bounce and pace of the greens.

Ballesteros enjoys such a test simply because he knows that in these conditions he has the game to manufacture winning shots, so taking the pressure off the putter.

His desire to win has also been heightened because of his own failure to win a title that has always been played on courses which call for a full repertoire of shots such as Royal Liverpool, Sunningdale and Turnberry.

That leaves a conspicious space in the trophy cupboard that he so cherishes, although he improved the possibility of filling it with a round which included one eagle and four birdies.

The paradox of Ballesteros is that as hard as he drives himself on as an individual, determined to massage his own ego at the expense of tournament rivals, there is no finer team man when it comes to the Ryder Cup.

That explains the urgency with which he has addressed in recent days the forthcoming match with the United States. He has criticised Bernard Langer's decision to take in a Japanese event en route to Kiawah Island and insisted that Paul Broadhurst and David Gilford should play in the BC Open the week before the match, which both players are indeed now trying to do.

Sam Torrance's description of Ballesteros that he is "an incredible source of energy to us all" reflects how much the team think of him and Bernard Gallacher, the captain, is well aware that when the gun goes he will have no greater supporter than Ballesteros.

Nick Faldo, who like Ballesteros has never won the European Open, and Ian Woosnam have also made stressed that the team spirit developed in previous Ryder Cups will live on.

Faldo and Woosnam, however, have a more immediate objective this weekend, which is to overhaul the leaders. The Australian, Peter Fowler, established the early halfway target with a round of 69 for a total of 138, six under par.

Faldo made headway with three birdies in his first ten holes but he finished with a 71 for a total of 145, which was two more than Woosnam (69).

Woosnam made it clear that he believes that 50 players rather than the usual 15 have a chance of winning because the course is playing so short. "I should back off and use an iron off the tee," he said. "But it's not my game. I like to reach for the driver and be aggressive."

Steven Richardson is one of the few players who can hit the ball past Woosnam but for only the third time during a wonderful season he failed to survive the halfway cut.

He still finished £20,000 richer. That is the cheque he will receive for winning the Equity and Law Challenge, based on most birdies and eagles on the European circuit this season, when he tees off in the 54-hole "shoot-out" at Royal Mid-Surrey on September 16 and 17. David Feherty and Colin Montgomerie also missed the cut on 151.

CARD OF COURSE

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	442	4	10	371	4
2	521	5	11	528	5
3	391	4	12	456	4
4	427	4	13	485	4
5	174	3	14	465	4
6	494	5	15	408	4
7	400	4	16	475	4
8	399	4	17	[illegible]	3
9	189	3	18	430	4
Out	3,437	36	In	3,754	36

Total yardage: 7,191 Par: 72

IAN STEWART

Trapped: Craig Parry comes out of a hazard on his way to an impressive 69 at Walton Heath yesterday

SCORES FROM WALTON HEATH

Second round
(GB and Ireland unless stated)

138: P Fowler (Aus), 69, 69.
139: C Parry (Aus), 70, 69.
140: M McLean 70, 70; S Ballesteros (Sp), 70, 70.
141: D J Russell 70, 71; J Parnevik (Swe), 71, 70; P Broadhurst 71, 70.
142: G Day (US), 70, 72; B Lane 70, 72; P Stewart (US), 73, 69; M Palmer 72, 70; M Harwood (Aus), 70, 72; M McNulty (Zim), 76, 66.
143: A Lyle 74, 69; M Roe 74, 69; P O'Malley (Aus), 73, 70; I Woosnam 74, 69; M Poxon 70, 73.
144: D Durnian 73, 71; B Ogle (Aus), 76, 68; J Rivero (Sp), 76, 68.
145: P Hall 74, 71; G J Turner (NZ), 73, 72; S Torrance 72, 73; M Persson (Swe), 74, 71; G Levenson (SA), 74, 71; Y Kuramoto (Japan), 72, 73; N Faldo 74, 71.
146: M Clayton (Aus), 74, 72; M Mackenzie 75, 71; M Piñero (Sp), 75, 71; F Nobilo (NZ), 72, 74; V Fernández (Arg), 71, 75; R Hartmann (US), 72, 74; P Mitchell 76, 70; R Chapman 72, 74; R Claydon 74, 72; P Way 72, 74; G Ralph 74, 72; P Senior (Aus), 72, 74.

Moodie retains title

JANICE Moodie, a full Scottish international, retained the Pro-Shot PGA junior girls' championship at Selsdon Park Hotel, Surrey, yesterday after a play-off against Georgina Simpson, the Yorkshire girls' champion (John Hennessy writes).

Moodie, aged 18, equalled the women's course record with a 68, five under par, but Simpson threw away a two-shot advantage going to the 17th. Moodie won after two extra holes as did Tony Johnson, aged 17, a Lancashire county player, in beating the boys's title-holder, Robert Walton, of Calcot Park.

LEADING SCORES: Boys: 147: A Johnson (Heysham), 74, 73; R Walton (Calcot Park) 73, 74; S Gallacher (Bathgate), 77, 70. 148: G Hamerton (Manchester), 77, 71; G Johnson (Billingham), 76, 72; M Pearson (Abbeydale), 75, 73. 149: M Craven (Doncaster), 76, 73. 152: S Gray (Palacerigg), 79, 73; J Pugh (Whitchurch), 76, 76; G Vogwell (Ardsley), 77, 75; S Brown (Hermitage), 74, 78. 153: S Wood (Brookmans Park), 80, 73. Girls. 145: J Moodie (Windyhill), 77, 68; G Simpson (Cleckheaton), 73, 72. 152: C Copping (Torquay), 78, 74. 154: T Poulton (Boyce Hill), 81, 73; S Forster (North Foreland), 77, 77. 156: B Jones (Denbigh), 78, 78. 158: S Bishop (Oxton), 79, 77. 157: L McGowan (Coombe Wood), 79, 78; L Tupholme (Northcliffe), 76, 81.

RACING

Classic dreams of Artic Tracker are swiftly shattered

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

ANOTHER bubble has burst, a few hundred more ante-post wagers are not worth the paper they are written on and the search for next year's 2,000 Guineas winner is back to square one. When will we learn?

Artic Tracker, the unbeaten son of Eskimo, was the great white hope for the first colt's classic at Newmarket next May following two highly impressive racecourse wins in which he never came off the bridle.

For the first six furlongs of the Solario Stakes at Sandown yesterday it looked as though a repeat performance was on the cards. John Reid did not move a muscle aboard the 5-4 on favourite as, inside the space of a furlong, he cruised from last but one to within inches of the front-running Chicmond.

For the first time in his racing career, Artic Tracker was then asked to knuckle down and battle past the leader up the Sandown hill. The colt, who has attracted offers the size of telephone numbers from envious Arab owners, found nothing — and another dream was shattered.

Chicmond, whose last win was on the all-weather at Southwell, would not be denied and provided Mark Prescott with his first group win in this country since he started training in 1971.

"It is a classic case of the old pro beating the up-and-coming horse. He will probably never do it again," the winning trainer said.

"He is a professional racehorse having won on good to firm, soft and the all-weather. He has improved a little bit every time and this was always his Derby. As for future plans, this was the plan."

George Duffield, who tried deliberately to "mess up" his rivals by quickening and then slowing the pace from the front, carried out his task to perfection. "He might not be the best horse but he is the bravest and if there is a chink in any horse's armour he's the boy to find it out," the evergreen jockey said.

Nelson offered no excuses for Artic Tracker's disappointing run. "He arrived looking as though he was going to win the way he had in the past, but it just didn't happen. John Reid said the horse was a bit flat when he asked him to pick up."

With three necks separating the first four horses home, the form probably does not amount to much and the result left the big bookmakers in a quandary. William Hill made Arazi their new 16-1 favourite for the 2,000 Guineas, while Coral resorted to Dilum at 20-1 and Ladbroke put River Falls, Rodrigo De Triano at the head of their market.

Melpomene was another horse to run well below form, but her defeat should not be allowed to devalue to victory of Hyabella in the Atlanta Stakes.

"We had her trip wrong initially. After the July meeting Pat Eddery said she didn't get home (over 10 furlongs). She has certainly improved since she won a mile race on the July course," Michael Stoute said.

The master of Freemason Lodge has few equals at handling improving fillies and the daughter of Shirley Heights may be aimed at the Prix de l'Opera on Arc day, a race won by her dam, Bella Colora, in 1985.

Despite the defeat of two well-backed favourites, punters gained some revenge when Lovealoch was backed down from an early morning price of 16-1 to 7-1 and won the competitive *People-Sporting Life* Championship Handicap with embarrassing ease by seven lengths. Lovealoch is trained by Michael Bell, who has proved himself particularly adept this season at winning handicaps when the money is down.

Prescott: saddled first British group winner

RUGBY UNION

Dual role for recalled Ring

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

IT WILL have taken Mark Ring eight years and 29 matches to become his country's stand-off half, the position he will occupy when Wales play France in Cardiff next Wednesday in the match to inaugurate the new Arms Park floodlighting. He has been awarded a dual role, that of playmaker and goal-kicker.

Ring, aged 28, could have been forgiven for thinking that his international career was over when he was omitted from the touring party to Australia earlier this summer. In the event it was a good tour to miss and Ring's insouciant skill and personality have been unaffected directly by the disasters which brought about the demise of Ron Waldron as Welsh coach.

Waldron's successor, Alan Davies, had no hesitation about elevating Ring to the pivotal position: "The reason I was appointed was to bring some fresh thinking and a fresh approach," Davies said. "I believe Ring is a playmaker and can demonstrate those kinds of skills better from outside half than from centre. He has always called the shots whenever I have seen him play anyway."

The XV includes only one new cap, Garin Jenkins, aged 23, the rumbustious Pontypool hooker. He has been given Laurance Delaney, now 35, as his tight-head prop in a team notable above all for a return to basics — the basics which, it was always alleged, Waldron eschewed. Delaney and Mike Griffiths may not be the quickest on two legs but they will stand their ground at the set scrums.

In their last two internationals Wales have conceded 101 points, 36 of them against France at Parc des Princes in March and 65 against Australia last month. Of each match there are eight survivors, of whom only five are common to both including Ieuan Evans and Phil Davies, captain and pack leader respectively next week.

☐ Steve Cutler, the experienced lock, has been added to the Australian World-Cup squad instead of the injured Tim Gavin. Only three locks were named in the original 26 anyway, since so many back-row members were capable of playing second row.

WALES: A Clement (Swansea); I C Evans (Llanelli, captain), I S Gibbs (Neath), M R Hall (Cardiff), A Emyr (Cardiff); M G Ring (Cardiff), R N Jones (Swansea); M Griffiths (Cardiff), G Jenkins (Pontypool), L Delaney (Llanelli), E W Lewis (Llanelli), K Moseley (Newport), P Arnold (Swansea), R G Collins (Cardiff), P T Davies (Llanelli). Replacements: L Evans (Llanelli), D W Evans (Cardiff), A Booth (Cardiff), K Waters (Newbridge), H Williams-Jones (South Wales Police), M S Morris (Neath).

Changes forced on Scots

BUCHAREST — Scotland will be without four of their five nations' championship regulars for their match against Romania today (Chris Thau writes).

Gavin Hastings, still nursing a hamstring injury, has been replaced by Peter Dods, while Scott Hastings stands down to allow Douglas Wyllie an international outing before the World Cup. Chris Gray's place goes to Damian Cronin, of Bath, and John Jeffreys is also rested as the selectors give Finlay Calder a chance to acquire match-fitness.

The Romanians, beset by injury, include three new caps — the stand-off half, Florin Ion, the left wing, Lucian Colceriu, and the open-side flanker, Adrian Guranescu. They have plenty of experience up front, with the loose head, Gheorghe Leonte, Gheorghe Ion and Harry Dumitras sharing nearly a century of caps among them.

Since Petre Ianusievic took over as coach last April, the Romanians have adopted a more positive approach, but they start the game without a recognised kicker. "It is a gamble, I have to admit. But we don't have any other option. If it doesn't work out, we'll have to score tries to win," Ianusievic said. It is their last important game before they start their World Cup campaign against France in Beziers in five weeks' time. Scotland complete their preparations with a match against the Barbarians.

Home countries step up pace

By DAVID HANDS

ENGLISH, Scots and Irish players are stepping up their preparations today as the first northern-hemisphere World Cup rapidly approaches.

England's training squad is at Twickenham today and tomorrow with the game against the rapidly-fragmenting Soviet Union on September 7 in mind; Scotland have a full international with Romania, and a shadow Irish XV plays a Select XV to celebrate the opening of the Cooke club's new facilities in Belfast.

England may announce their World Cup squad this weekend. Their management committee met last week and Geoff Cooke, the team manager, said there would be little point delaying until after the match against the Soviets.

That is particularly true now that there seems little chance of the unlucky John Hall making the squad. The Bath flanker has not recovered sufficient mobility in the knee that required an operation during the summer to even justify his attending this morning's fitness testing.

The domestic game goes on even if the league does not begin until after the World Cup. Ulster visit the county champions, Cornwall, tomorrow and meet a South-West divisional team at Exeter on Tuesday; Wasps, having shaken out the rust with a visit to France, play the centenarians, Cork Constitution, today and Harlequins and the Northern club hold sevens tournaments.

The Rugby Football Union opens its first headquarters away from Twickenham tomorrow, the national youth centre at Castlecroft, Wolverhampton, with the England Under-21 team playing Belgium.

ENGLAND UNDER-21: R Liley (Wakefield); A Adebayo (Bath), L Boyle (Leicester), P Flood (Bridgend), S Bromley (Liverpool St Helens); N Matthews (Gloucester), S Douglas (Newcastle Gosforth); G Rowntree (Leicester), R Cockerill (Coventry), W Bullock (Coventry), J Pearson (Bristol), M Johnson (Leicester), D Sims (Gloucester), G Adams (Bath, captain), M Rennell (Bedford).

Bonus-laden Highflyer has substantial entry

By RICHARD EVANS

THE Tattersalls Tiffany Highflyer Stakes, arguably the richest race in the world for two-year-olds, has attracted 88 entries for this year's running at Newmarket on October 2.

The winner of the seven-furlong contest will collect a bonus of £500,000 — £600,000 if it is a filly — in addition to prize-money from the £30,000 added race.

Bonuses totalling £1,250,000 will be paid out to the first ten finishers and to vendors of the first three qualifying horses to finish. All but eight of the 88 entries qualify for a bonus, having been purchased at last year's Highflyer sale.

The bonus pool has been funded by vendors who paid £2,500 on entering their horses for the 1990 Highflyer sale, and owners who were required to make three payments — £1,000 in December 1990, £2,000 in May and a further £3,000 in July this year.

The race has been dogged by controversy and this year's running at Newmarket will be the last. The official reason for its demise is the reluctance of breeders to lose £2,500 from the sale price of yearlings during a difficult time for the industry.

However, friction between Tiffany and Tattersalls, particularly over the promotion of the race, has not helped.

Dr Devious, winner of the Lanson Champagne Vintage Stakes at Goodwood, will be one of the favourites to win along with Jim Bolger's Miznah.

RESULTS

Sandown Park

Going: good to firm

2.00 (5f 6yd) 1, DOUBLOVA (M Hills, 13-8 fav); 2, Tango Time (R Perham, 4-1); 3, Misdemeanours Girl (B Doyle, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Fay's Song (4th), 8 Parios (5th), 10 Poets Cove (6th), 20 Green's Le Sidaner, 66 Lucaya, Party Treat, 100 Forlorn Diver, Penalanba. 11 ran. 1l, 2l, sh hd, 4l, ½l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £3.40. CSF: £7.73. 1min 00.13sec.

2.35 (1m 14yd) 1, WHITE BLADE (A Clark, 4-1); 2, Mrs Fisher (G Duffield, 11-4 fav); 3, Zamirah (F Norton, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Salt Whistle (6th), 8 Hi Dot (4th), 9 Cool Society, 10 King Of Normandy (5th), 20 Captain Ken, 8 ran. NR: Well Appointed, Crackling. 1½l, 2½l, 3½l, 2l, 2½l. G Harwood at Pulborough. Tote: £4.40; £2.00, £1.30, £1.70. DF: £4.50. CSF: £14.27. Tricast: £52.73. 1min 44.13sec.

3.10 (1m 14yd) 1, HYABELLA (Pat Eddery, 7-2); 2, Shelina (L Dettori, 11-2); 3, Valtaria (T Quinn, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Melpomene (4th), 4 Capriati (5th), 5 ran. NR: Platz, Atlantic Flyer. 2½l, 2l, ¾l, 6l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £4.10; £1.70, £2.50. DF: £8.90. CSF: £18.94. 1min 43.10sec.

3.40 (7f 16yd) 1, CHICMOND (G Duffield, 16-1); 2, Seattle Rhyme (Pat Eddery, 4-1); 3, Artic Tracker (J Reid, 4-5 fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Mutabeli (6th), 12 Mack The Knife (4th), 20 Taylor Quigley (5th), 50 Rully. 7 ran. Nk, nk, nk, 8l, 1½l. M Prescott at Newmarket. Tote: £33.10; £4.50, £1.80. DF: £43.30. CSF: £70.15. 1min 29.50sec.

4.10 (1m 1f) 1, LOVEALOCH (M Hills, 7-1); 2, Exclusive Virtue (R Cochrane, 9-2 jt-fav); 3, Deswald (B Rouse, 9-2 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 jt-fav Dagger Point (6th), 7 Blue Aeroplane, 10 Aghniyah, 12 Shine On Brightly (5th), 14 Sheffest, 20 Ballerina Bay, (4th), 33 Friend Of A Friend. 10 ran. NR: Colour Sergeant. 7l, nk, ¾l, nk, 2½l. M Bell at Newmarket. Tote: £6.80; £2.00, £1.50, £1.50. DF: £11.10. CSF: £33.63. Tricast: £134.78. Trio: £20.70. 1min 54.23sec. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.45 (1m 3f 91yd) 1, MOHICAN GIRL (W R Swinburn, 11-8 jt-fav); 2, Shiavona (M Roberts, 12-1); 3, Honeychurch (L Dettori, 11-8 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 12 Sifton's Pride (4th), 16 Simply Allame (6th), 33 Absent Relative (5th), Dreamtime Quest. 7 ran. 1½l, 3l, 1½l, 4l, 6l. J Fanshawe at Newmarket. Tote: £2.40; £1.70, £2.30. DF: £7.90. CSF: £15.53. 2min 29.73sec.

Jackpot: £94,608.60 (0.7 tickets). Pool of £38,354.81 carried forward to Sandown today.

Placepot: £61.40.

Thirsk

Going: good to firm

2.15 (7f) 1, Sly Prospect (K Darley, 9-2); 2, Killinghall (4-5 fav); 3, Swinging Lady (7-1). 5 ran. 3l, 2½l. J Etherington. Tote: £6.30; £1.90, £1.30. DF: £2.60. CSF: £7.98.

2.45 (6f) 1, Miss Kive (S Wood, 33-1); 2, Pigeie Wonder (9-1); 3, Besaw Surface (20-1) Foxes Diamond 4-1 fav. 15 ran. NR: Double Merit, Floating Note. ¾l, sh hd. D Chapman. Tote: £120.60; £28.70, £3.60, £5.10. DF: £545.60. CSF: £279.15. Tricast: £5436.67.

3.15 (7f) 1, Kick On Majestic (S Wood, 14-1); 2, Fim Fam Aly (8-1); 3, Creage (10-1). Dream Island 3-1 fav. 16 ran. 3½l, 2½l. N Byrcott. Tote: £22.10; £5.30, £2.80, £5.60. DF: £57.90. CSF: £119.41. Fim Fam Aly finished first but after an objection and a stewards' enquiry was placed second.

3.50 (1m) 1, Leave It To Lib (J Fanning, 9-1); 2, Guapa (3-1 fav); 3, Irish Passage (10-1). 10 ran. 1½l, ¾l. P Calver. Tote: £13.60; £3.60, £1.70, £1.80. DF: £14.90. CSF: £34.71. Tricast: £258.22.

4.20 (1m 4f) 1, Fairgroundprincess (R Fox, 10-1); 2, Quip (9-2); 3, Alex-Oops (14-1). Isca's Son 4-1 fav. 9 ran. ¾l, nk. F Lee. Tote: £11.50; £2.50, £1.80, £3.00. DF: £25.10. CSF: £50.97. Tricast: £576.93.

4.50 (1m) 1, Stone Mill (C Munday, 8-1); 2, Oh Mercy (7-2); 3, Rehearn (5-4 fav). 3 ran. Nk, ¾l. B Hills. Tote: £2.10. DF: £2.30. CSF: £5.30.

5.20 (6f) 1, Dancing Boy (Paul Eddery, 100-30); 2, Dazzling Maid (16-1); 3, Big Hand (9-4 fav). 12 ran. 4l, nk. Mrs J Cecil. Tote: £5.80; £2.40, £3.50, £1.80. DF: £30.70. CSF: £50.67.

Placepot: £3,700.

Chester

Going: good to firm

2.30 (1m 2f 75yd) 1, Princess Roxanne (D Wright, 13-2); 2, Great Gusto (7-2); 3, Into The Future (20-1). Charity Phanty 11-4 fav. 10 ran. ½l, ½l. A Bailey. Tote: £6.50, £1.90, £1.40, £3.40. DF: £8.60. CSF: £26.21. Tricast: £371.91.

3.00 (5f 16yd) 1, Magic Steps (G Gresslock, 12-1); 2, Halbert (2-1 fav); 3, Make Music (7-1). 9 ran. Sh hd, ¾l. C Brittain. Tote: £15.00; £3.10, £1.20, £1.50. DF: £18.30. CSF: £33.39. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.30 (5f 16yd) 1, Mentola's Pet (A Munro, 7-2 fav); 2, Sports Post Lady (9-1); 3, Croft Imperial (12-1). 14 ran. NR: Macfarlane 3-1 fav. ¾l, L Cottrell. Tote: £3.80; £1.90, £3.60, £3.70. DF: £23.00. CSF: £33.49. Tricast: £304.93. Trio: £37.70.

4.00 (1m 7f 195yd) 1, French Ivry (K Fallon, 20-1); 2, Green Lane (100-30 fav); 3, Welshman (8-1). 10 ran. Sh hd, 1½l. Mrs A King. Tote: £23.90; £2.10, £1.70, £2.10. DF: £44.60. CSF: £79.72. Tricast: £537.02.

4.30 (7f 2yd) 1, Mad Mittant (S Perks, 20-1); 2, Major's Law (11-1); 3, Prince Secreto (4-1). Chief Of Staff 5-2 fav. 9 ran. NR: Premier Major. ¾l, 1½l. R Hollinshead. Tote: £12.50; £2.90, £2.30, £1.60. DF: £77.30. CSF: £181.50. Chief Of Staff finished first but after a stewards' enquiry was placed fourth.

5.00 (5f 16yd) 1, My Abbey (K Fallon, 10-1); 2, Anabeltaji (7-4 fav); 3, Nur (5-1). 6 ran. NR: Ned's Bonsnua. 1l, 2l. E Alston. Tote: £11.50; £3.30, £1.50. DF: £16.60. CSF: £25.87.

5.30 (7f 2yds) 1, Personal Hazard (M Birch, 7-4 fav); 2, Owner's Dream (9-4); 3, Domenant Serenade (11-2). 9 ran. 5l, 5l. M H Easterby. Tote: £2.90; £1.30, £1.40, £1.90. DF: £2.80. CSF: £5.77.

Placepot: £191.40

☐ Paul Kelleway's Hundra (Jorge Velasquez) is the sole British raider in the £310,881 Arlington Million, run at the Illinois course tomorrow. France has a strong hope in the Aga Khan's Kartajana (William Mongil), while best of the local horses in the ten-runner field looks to be Tight Spot, trained by Ron McAnally.

COMPLETE GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

3.0 unless stated

Barclays League
First division
Arsenal v Manchester City
Chelsea v Luton
Coventry v Wimbledon
Crystal Palace v Sheffield Utd
Liverpool v Everton (all ticket)
Man Utd v Leeds (all ticket)
Norwich v Tottenham
Nottm Forest v Oldham
Sheffield Wed v QPR
Southampton v Aston Villa
West Ham v Notts County

Second division
Blackburn v Ipswich
Brighton v Wolves
Bristol Rovers v Newcastle
Grimsby v Tranmere
Middlesbrough v Portsmouth
Plymouth v Millwall
Port Vale v Bristol City
Southend v Leicester
Sunderland v Oxford

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Swindon v Barnsley
Watford v Cambridge

Third division
Birmingham v Darlington
Bolton v Leyton Orient
Bournemouth v Hull
Bradford v Hartlepool
Brentford v Huddersfield
Chester v Swansea
Peterborough v Stoke
Reading v Bury
Shrewsbury v Exeter
Torquay v Fulham
West Bromwich v Wigan

Fourth division
Aldershot v Maidstone
Barnet v Hereford
Blackpool v Scunthorpe
Cardiff v Carlisle
Chesterfield v Mansfield
Doncaster v Burnley
Rochdale v Lincoln
Rotherham v Crewe
Scarborough v Walsall

GM Vauxhall Conference
Barrow v Cheltenham
Boston v Kidderminster
Colchester v Bath
Kettering v Witton
Northwich v Welling
Redbridge v Macclesfield
Slough v Runcorn
Stafford v Merthyr
Telford v Farnborough
Wycombe v Altrincham
Yeovil v Gateshead

B and Q Scottish League
Premier division
Celtic v Rangers
Dundee Utd v Aberdeen
Dunfermline v St Johnstone
Falkirk v Airdrie
Hearts v Hibernian
Motherwell v St Mirren

First division
Hamilton v Partick
Kilmarnock v Ayr
Montrose v Forfar
Morton v Clydebank
Raith v Dundee
Stirling v Meadowbank

Second division
Arbroath v Cowdenbeath
Dumbarton v Albion
East Fife v Stranraer
East Stirling v Brechin
Queen of South v Berwick
Queen's Park v Alloa
Stenhousemuir v Clyde

FA CUP: Preliminary round: Beckenham v Wingate and Finchley; Egham v Wembley; Hertford v Northwood; Horsham YMCA v Erith and Belvedere; Shoreham v Sheppey; Molesey v Ringmer; Corinthian v Merstham; Chertsey v Worthing; Chichester v Chipstead; Faversham v Eastbourne; Whyteleafe v Ashford; Tunbridge Wells v Burgess Hill Town; Canterbury v Arundel; Leatherhead v Corinthian Casuals; Cove v Slade Green; Chatham v Steyning; Lewes v Three Bridges; Metropolitan Police v Hastings; Tooting and Mitcham v Redhill; Whitstable v Eastbourne; Hampton v Haywards Heath; Hythe v Croydon Athletic; Langney Sports v Southwick; Lancing v Wick; Epsom and Ewell v Walton and Hersham; Oakwood v Havant; Newbury v Horndean; Selsey v Malden Vale; Bracknell v Portfield; Buckingham v Abingdon Utd; Sholing Sports v Maidenhead; Totton AFC v Lymington AFC; Horsham v Hungerford; Bournemouth v Abingdon Town; Calne v Westbury; Fareham v Thatcham; Thame v Eastleigh; Chard v Witney; Cwmbran v Paulton; Glastonbury v Keynsham; Gosport Borough v Clevedon; Barry v Ton Pentre; Radstock v Devizes; Bridgend v Chippenham; Yate v Bristol Manor Farm; Frome v Exmouth; Shortwood v Weston super Mare; Melksham v Welton, Dawlish v Maesteg; St Blazey v Minehead; Clandown v Ilfracombe; Torrington v Barnstable, Bideford v Falmouth; Hinckley v Bridgnorth; RC Warwick v Rushall Olympic; Hinckley v Boldmere St Michaels, Willenhall v Wellingborough; Hednesford v Northampton Spencer; Stamford v Pagel Rangers, Walsall Wood v Raunds, Banbury v Stratford; Highgate v Chaselown; Malvern v Halesowen Harriers, Tring v Hemel Hempstead, Chalfont St Peter v Flackwell Heath; Evesham v Rothwell, Rushden v Friar Lane OB; Edgware v Southall; Waltham Abbey v Stevenage Borough; Desborough v Vauxhall Motors; Braintree v Bury; Marlows Blackstone v Great Yarmouth, Aveley v Felixstowe; Barton v Bourne; Wisbech v Burnham Ramblers; Collier Row v Saffron Walden; Leyton Wingate v Eynesbury; Hitchin v Tiptree; Purfleet v Gorleston; Kings Lynn v Haverhill; March v Histon; Walthamstow Pennant v Longford; Arlesey v Clapton, Sudbury v Barking; Letchworth GC v Potton; Haringey Borough v Walton, East Thurrock v Royston; Canvey Island v Harwich and Parkeston; Rainham v Lowestoft; Berkingside v Baldock; Ware v Milton Keynes B, Ford v Hornchurch; Halstead v Hoddesdon; Basildon v Brimsdown; Wolverton AFC v Uxbridge; Witham v Welwyn GC; Newmarket v Biggleswade; Leighton v Kingsbury; Croydon v Dereth Heathside; Yeading v Rayners Lane; Cheshunt v Tilbury; Burnham v Feltham and Hounslow B, Brandon v Shenton Comrades; Darwen v Hebburn; Esh Winning v Netherfield, Alnwick v Chester le Street, Concett v Willington; Clitheroe v Langley Park Welfare, Bridlington Town v Evenwood; Ashington v Crook; Prudhoe East End v Bedlington Terriers; Garforth v Whickham, Darlington CB v Horden CW; Spennymoor v Easington Colliery; Stockton v Billingham Town; Great Harwood v Eccleshill; Durham v South Bank; Penrith v Ferryhill Athletic; Washington v Shildon; Blackpool v Thackley, West Auckland v Densby; Seaham Red Star v Peterlee Newtown; Sheffield v Congleton; Burscough v Leyland DAF; Irlam v Curzon Ashton; Knowsley v Atherton LR; Prescot AFC v Chadderton, Newtown v Glossop, Liversedge v Marsh Road (Mcr); Salford v Warrington, Ashton Utd v Rhyl; Radcliffe Borough v Nantwich, Newcastle v Ossett Albion; Harworth Cl v Maltby MW, Lancaster v Winsford; Armthorpe Welfare v Vauxhall GM; Worksop v Bragg; Ossett v North Ferriby; Rossendale v Hesnor; Arnold v Belper; Grantham v Ilkeston; Eastwood Town v Farsley Celtic; St Helens v Borrowash Victoria, Holbeach v Hinkley Athletic; Rocester v Oakham, Dudley v Lincoln; Sandwell Borough v Alfreton; Boston v Harrogate; Irthlingborough D v Wednesfield, Tamworth v Lye; Oldbury v Blakenall; Solihull Borough v Spalding

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke v Hendon, Bromley v Sutton Utd, Carshalton v Staines; Chesham v Bishop's Stortford, Grays v Kingstonian; Harrow v Enfield; Hayes v Marlow; St Albans v Bognor; Wivenhoe v Windsor and Eton; Woking v Dagenham, Wokingham v Aylesbury First division: Boreham Wood v Heybridge Swifts. Second division: Berkhamsted Town v Billericay; Ruislip Manor v Banstead Athletic. Third division: Camberley v Petersfield.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone v Crawley; Burton v Dorchester; Cambridge City v Poole; Chelmsford v Bashley; Dartford v VS Rugby; Fisher Athletic v Moor Green; Gloucester v Corby; Halesowen v Weidiston; Trowbridge v Gravesend; Waterlooville v Bromsgrove; Worcester v Dover. Southern division: Margate v Newport IOW; Sittingbourne v Salisbury; Weymouth v Dunstable Midland division: Alvechurch v Bilston, Leicester Utd v Stroud; Redditch v Nuneaton Borough; Sutton Coldfield v Newport AFC.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bangor City v Accrington; Buxton v Bishop Auckland; Droylsden v Shepshed; Fleetwood v Stalybridge; Frickley v Mossley; Horwich v Matlock; Hyde v Goole; Marine v Emley; Morecambe v Leek; Whitley Bay v Gainsborough. First division: Guiseley v Caernarfon; Workington v Colwyn Bay.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: (2.0): Portsmouth v Brighton; Tottenham v Charlton.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Glasshoughton Wel. v Winterton Rangers; Harrogate Railway v Pontefract Col; North Shields v Sutton Town

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthona v Whitby; Tow Law v Guisborough.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Brightlingsea v Wroxham, Chatteris v Clacton; Cornard v Norwich Utd, Stowmarket v Thetford.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Liskeard Athletic v Ottery St Mary; Mangotsfield v Plymouth Argyle; Taunton v Saltash.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bacup Borough v Skelmersdale; Bootle v Bradford Park Avenue, Flixton v Eastwood Hanley.

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National division: Abergavenny v Aberystwyth; Brecon v Ebbw vale; Haverfordwest v Afan Lido; Inter Cardiff v Ferndale.

IRISH TNT GOLD CUP: First round: Distillery v Portadown; Omagh v Glentoran.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Cork City v Galway (5.30).

RUGBY UNION

International match
Romania v Scotland (Bucharest, 3.15)

Representative match
Ireland XV v International XV (Belfast, 3.0)

Club match
Cork Constitution v Wasps (3.0)

SEVENS TOURNAMENTS: Scotland: Selkirk: Gala YM; Livingston, Melrose Colts.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: EBF championships (Skegness); Open tournament (Worthing).

GOLF: GA European Open (Walton Heath)

ICE HOCKEY: Autumn Cup: Ayr Raiders v Whitley Warriors (at Glasgow; 8.0); Cardiff Devils v Romford Raiders (6.30); Fife Flyers v Durham Wasps (7.15); Nottingham Panthers v Norwich and Peterborough Pirates (6.30); Slough Jets v Solihull Barons (5.45).

POLO: (3.0): Cheltenham Cup (Cirencester Park); Eduardo Moore memorial tournament (RCBPC Windfield); Perth tournament (Perth).

SHOOTING: Bisley inter-clubs rifle match (Bisley).

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

Barclays League
Second division
Charlton v Derby County (at Upton Park, 3.0)

FA CUP: Preliminary round: Stourbridge v Long Buckby (3.0), Dulwich v Harefield (12.0).

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: (3.30): Athlone v Shelbourne; Bohemians v Derry, Drogheda v Bray Wdrs, Shamrock v Dundalk; Sligo v St Patrick's Athletic

RUGBY UNION

Under-21 international
England v Belgium (at Wolverhampton, 3.0)

Club matches
Cornwall v Ulster (at Redruth, 3.0)
Newcastle Gosforth v Northampton (3.0)
Vale of Lune v Bedford (3.0)

SEVENS TOURNAMENT: Lord's Taverners Harlequin's Scotland: Biggar; Morgan Academy

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: (3.0) First division: Bradford v Hull KR, Castleford v Wigan (3.30); Halifax v Featherstone; Hull v St Helens (3.15); Swinton v Wakefield; Warrington v Salford, Widnes v Leeds Second division: Leigh v Rochdale-York (3.30); Sheffield v Oldham (3.15); Workington v London Crusaders. Third division: Batley v Whitehaven (3.15); Bramley v Keighley (3.30); Chorley v Dewsbury, Doncaster v Nottingham; Highfield v Trafford; Hunslet v Barrow (3.30). Scarborough Pirates v Huddersfield (1.0).

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Humberside Mets v Enfield Spartans (DH); London Athletics v Nottingham Hornets; Nottingham Pirates v Essex. Arrows; Cambridge Royals v Liverpool Tigers (DH).

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Open tournament (Worthing).

GOLF: GA European Open (Walton Heath).

HANG GLIDING: Beriot Cup (Yorkshire Dales).

POLO: (3.0): Cheltenham Cup (Cirencester Park); Eduardo Moore memorial tournament (RCBPC Windfield); Perth

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Consistent Per Quod poised to take the honours at Chester

TODAY'S most valuable race, the Tricity Bendix Series Six Stakes at Chester, should be won by **Per Quod** with Pat Eddery in the saddle.

The only time that this Ben Hanbury-trained six-year-old has finished out of the money this season was when he blatantly failed to cope with the extreme test of stamina posed by the Gold Cup at Royal Ascot.

Before that he had shown his true mettle over today's course and distance when finishing strongly to deprive the in-form Warm Feeling of the Ormonde Stakes in May.

After Ascot, Per Quod proved that his hard race in the Gold Cup had not left its mark when finishing fourth behind Mukddaam in a finish of heads at Newmarket. The winner later made Rock Hopper pull out all the stops in the Princess of Wales's Stakes.

Per Quod's principal opposition today looks like being provided by Geoff Wragg's steadily improving stayer Arcadian Heights, who accounted for all but Jahafil in the March Stakes at Goodwood a week ago.

Eddery can begin the programme by also winning the Tricity Bendix Princess Handicap on Well Furnished who is well drawn near the rails.

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

However, Majal, his ride in the Tricity Bendix President Nursery, has been drawn high over a course and distance which historically favours low numbers. In the circumstances, I prefer the recent easy Yarmouth winner Primus, who will start from stall No 1.

Isdar, who achieved quite a remarkable feat earlier in the season by making a winning debut in the Windsor Castle Stakes at Royal Ascot, is taken to remain unbeaten by winning the Linenhall Stakes.

At Sandown, Henry Cecil can prosper with a treble, thanks to Twist And Turn (3.10), Friedland (4.15) and Pripet (4.45).

Twist And Turn, who won so readily at Yarmouth earlier this month, is just preferred to Assessor for the Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation Graduation Stakes, while Friedland should prove a tough nut to crack in the Variety Club Golden Heart Handicap.

Pripet, my choice for the Palm Beach Club Handicap, has already proved that she has more than sufficient stamina to see off the likes of Art Form and Barrish.

It is not often that I come to the conclusion that the day's best bet lies in a race for amateurs, but I do so now in going nap on Scatter to win the Sinclair Goldsmith Chartered Surveyors Stakes in the competent hands of Amanda Harwood.

Third behind Susurration and Sure Sharp in a similar race at Ascot before also finishing third in handicaps won by Sky Cloud and Claret at Goodwood and Newbury respectively, Scatter clearly has the ability to take full advantage of today's conditions.

Hanbury: high hopes at Chester with Per Quod

Blinkered first time

There are no horses wearing blinkers for the first time today.

SANDOWN PARK

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	RICHARD EVANS
2.00 Christian Warrior.	2.00 Roxy Music.	4.15 Mudaffar.
2.35 SCATTER (nap).	2.35 Dissonant.	4.45 BARRISH (nap).
3.10 Twist And Turn.	3.10 Twist And Turn.	
3.40 Aughfad.	3.40 REAL STUNNER (nap).	
4.15 Friedland.	4.15 Hilti's Hut.	
4.45 Pripet.	4.45 Pripet.	
5.20 Wily Trick.	5.20 Signor Sassie.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.10 Twist And Turn. 5.20 TOP SHIEL (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.35 SCATTER.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (WATERED) DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.00 VARIETY CLUB CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL SELLING NURSERY
(2-Y-O: £2,560: 7f 16yds) (15 runners)

101 (6) 023253 CHRISTIAN WARRIOR 10 (Mrs E Adams) R Hannon 9-7 — R Perham (5) 96
102 (10) 2405 TEXAS SCRAMBLE 21 (The Three Wood Partnership) R Simpson 9-6 — A Tucker (5) 85
103 (14) 6544 CHUMMY'S DILEMMA 10 (C Gaventa) N Callaghan 9-4 — B Raymond 92
104 (7) 030623 NOGGINGS 28 (Full Circle Thoroughbreds) N Tinkler 9-2 — Kim Tinkler 93
105 (11) 00651 LADY LINNET 17 (F) (N Kersey) P Cole 9-2 — T Quinn 98
106 (4) 30302 SYKE LANE 22 (R Whitaker) R Whitaker 9-0 — A Culhane 94
107 (13) 60236 UP THE PUNJAB 11 (G Pritchard-Gordon) R Smyth 8-13 — W Carson 92
108 (5) 400 ARAGONA 22 (Lord Carrick) P Cundell 8-13 — E Johnson 97
109 (8) 5401 TEAM DECISION 14 (D,F) (J Davis) M Prescott 8-12 — G Duffield 94
110 (3) 63210 GYMCRAK CYRANO 21 (D,F) (Gymcrak Racing) M H Easterby 8-11 — J Williams 88
111 (15) 3350 SYLVAN BELLE 21 (Mrs R Johnson) P Mitchell 8-7 — S O'Gorman (5) 96
112 (2) 0204 GOLDEN PROPOSAL 7 (Vintage Racing) M Bell 8-6 — M Roberts 90
113 (7) 04442 ROXY MUSIC 21 (D Macrae) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-5 — D Harrison (7) 93
114 (12) 000451 RUSTIC WEDDING 5 (D,G) (B R B Comers Group) G Balding 7-13 (4ex) — A McGlone ● 99
115 (9) 0564 STORY OF MY LIFE 6 (Insuracing) G Lewis 7-11 — J Quinn 97

BETTING: 5-1 Roxy Music, 11-2 Noggings, 6-1 Up The Punjab, 7-1 Christian Warrior, Team Decision, 8-1 Chummy's Dilemma, Golden Proposal, Rustic Wedding; 10-1 Texas Scramble, 12-1 others.

1990: BROWN FAIRY 2-8-10 R Cochrane (7-1) R Williams 16 ran

2.35 SINCLAIR GOLDSMITH CHARTERED SURVEYORS SWEEPSTAKES
(Amateurs: £2,560: 1m 2f 7yd) (14 runners)

201 (7) 116012 GILDERDALE 7 (BF,CD,F,G) (Abbott Racing Partners) J Hills 9-11-12 Sarah Vigors (4) 98
202 (5) 0302-00 ARISTOCRATIC PETER 183 (A Elliott) D Jermy 4-11-7 — Anne Jermy (4) 50
203 (4) 530360 DISSONANT 7 (G) (Lord Howard de Walden) Mrs J Cecil 5-11-7 — Jannis Crossley 87
204 (2) 014-5 JULFAAR 21 (F) (Sheikh A Al Maktoum) A Stewart 4-11-7 — Lucinda Stopford Sackville 80
205 (11) 503010 MUIRFIELD VILLAGE 24 (D,F) (P Deakin) S Dow 5-11-7 — Emma Leppard (4) 58
206 (9) 0-30333 SCATTER 15 (F) (M Gordon) G Harwood 4-11-7 — Amanda Harwood ● 99
207 (6) 000000 SUPREME DANCER 22 (F) (Mrs S Brook) C Tinkler 4-11-7 — —
208 (12) 06- SYLVAN SIROCCO 476 (Mrs R Johnson) P Mitchell 4-11-7 — R Teal —
209 (1) 0-00000 TOPEKA EXPRESS 7 (D,F) (Mrs C Tinkler) C Tinkler 5-11-7 — S Astaire —
210 (13) 003200- ANGEL BRIGHT 156J (D Wilson) D Wilson 5-11-2 — Elaine Bronson 60
211 (3) 051510 CROSBY PLACE 10 (B,D,F,S) (Miss P Westbrook) M Haynes 5-11-2 Yvonne Haynes 58
212 (8) 52500-0 MISS SARAHSUE 60 (G Murray) J Long 5-11-2 — T Walters (4) —
213 (14) 268400 SAPPHIRINE 4 (F,S) (F Hines) R Whitaker 4-11-2 — F Hines 67
214 (10) 504220 SHADOW BIRD 10 (G) (Mrs R Buxton) G P-Gordon 4-11-2 — P Pritchard Gordon (4) 67

BETTING: 11-4 Scatter, 7-2 Gilderdale, Dissonant, 7-1 Julfaar, 10-1 Crosby Place, 16-1 Shadow Bird, Angel Bright, 20-1 Sylvan Sirocco, 33-1 others.

1990: GILDERDALE 8-11-8 Mr C Vigors (5-1) J Hills 11 ran

3.10 BERNARD SUNLEY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION GRADUATION SWEEPSTAKES (2-Y-O: £3,850: 1m 14yd) (6 runners) C4

301 (1) 13 ASSESSOR 15 (S) (B Nielsen) R Hannon 9-1 — J Reid ● 99
302 (3) 14 BOBZAO 42 (S) (T Mills Ltd) W Carter 9-1 — R Cochrane 91
303 (4) 31 TWIST AND TURN 18 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-1 — M Roberts 89
304 (5) 0 ART CRITIC 7 (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 8-11 — B Raymond —
305 (2) FEMININE WILES (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-3 — Paul Eddery —
306 (6) HYMN BOOK (Lord Weinstock) M Stoute 8-3 — W Carson —

BETTING: 6-4 Twist And Turn, 9-2 Bobzao, 11-2 Assessor, 13-2 Hymn Book, 8-1 Feminine Wiles, 10-1 Art Critic.

1990: JAHAFIL 2-8-11 L Dettori (1-3 fav) W Hern 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

ASSESSOR 3½l 3rd to Rodrigo de Triano in listed race at Newbury (7f, good to firm), previously beat Flight Lieutenant 3½l at Kempton (7f, good to soft).
BOBZAO 4½l 4th to Artic Tracker at Newbury (7f, good to firm), previously beat Holstown 2½l at Folkestone (8f, soft). TWIST AND TURN easily beat Aseff 3½l at Yarmouth (7f, firm).
FEMININE WILES (foaled Apr 29, cost 54,000gns). By Ahonoora out of a half-sister to Legal Bid and Law Society.
HYMN BOOK (Apr 18, 40,000gns). Darshaan half-sister to several winners including useful American performer Liebliehl.
Selection: ASSESSOR

3.40 TEXAS HOMECARE HANDICAP (£3,850: 5f 6yds) (14 runners) C4

401 (4) 716003 AUGHFAD 7 (V,D,F,G,S) (M MacCarthy) T Casey 5-9-11 — J Reid 95
402 (12) 0-30425 HINARI TELEVIDEO 7 (D,F,S) (Mark Johnston Ltd) M Johnston 5-9-10 R P Elliott 91
403 (7) 000000 OUR FREDDIE 7 (B,D,F,G,S) (T Mills Ltd) W Carter 7-9-9 — L Newton (5) 90
404 (5) 031010 ABSOLUTION 21 (CD,F,G,S) (M Hyman) M Naughton 7-9-8 — T Quinn 95
405 (3) 620440 GREEN DOLLAR 7 (D,F,G) (B Azemoudeh) E Wheeler 8-9-7 — T Sprake 87
406 (6) 010115 BOLD HABIT 14 (CD,F,G,S) (Miss J Chambers) W Pearce 6-9-5 — G Husband (5) 91
407 (2) 340510 SLIP-A-SNIP 14 (D,F,S) (Whitcombe Stables) G Balding 4-9-3 Tracey Purnsegrove (7) 92
408 (1) 215052 REAL STUNNER 16 (D,F) (P Davies) M Naughton 4-8-12 — M Roberts 94
409 (13) 40000-2 ANYTIME ANYWHERE 8 (D,F,G) (M Allen) M Channon 4-8-5 — Paul Eddery 91
410 (11) 510335 AYR RAIDER 12 (B,D,F,G) (P Orr) Miss L Perratt 4-8-1 — Dale Gibson 93
411 (8) 530008 GALLANT HOPE 17 (B,CD,F,G) (Mrs N Duffield) B Millman 9-7-9 — W Carson ● 99
412 (10) 420304 DRUM SERGEANT 16 (W Sellars) J Parkes 4-7-7 — N Carlisle 91
413 (9) 665363 TACHYON PARK 12 (B,D,F,G) (M Hollingsworth) P Howling 9-7-7 — J Quinn 91
414 (14) 220300 FRIMLEY PARKSON 23 (V,D,F,G) (P Terry) P Howling 7-7-7 — N Adams 98

Long handicap: Drum Sergeant 7-6, Tachyon Park 7-5, Frimley Parkson 7-4

BETTING: 5-1 Real Stunner, 6-1 Aughfad, 13-2 Bold Habit, 7-1 Absolution, 8-1 Hinari Televideo, 12-1 Green Dollar, 10-1 Anytime Anywhere, 14-1 Ayr Raider, Slip-A-Snip, 16-1 others.

1990: THE KINGS DAUGHTER 4-8-13 T Quinn (8-1) P Cole 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

AUGHFAD 1½l 3rd to Masrun at Goodwood (6f, good) with HINARI TELEVIDEO (3lb better off) 4l 5th and GREEN DOLLAR (4lb better off) 1¼l 7th.
HINARI TELEVIDEO 2½l 2nd to Premier Touch at Ripon (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start, with GREEN DOLLAR (3lb better off) ¾l 4th and BOLD HABIT (1lb better off) ¾l 6th. ABSOLUTION beat Never In The Red ½l at Newcastle (5f, firm) on penultimate start with FRIMLEY PARKSON never dangerous 14l 9th. BOLD HABIT beat Highest Praise hd at Goodwood (7f, good) on penultimate start, previously beat Silver Singing ½l over course and distance (good) with GALLANT HOPE 8l 8th and FRIMLEY PARKSON 7l 11th. SLIP-A-SNIP bt Consulate 2l at Kempton (5f, good to soft) on penultimate start. REAL STUNNER ½l 2nd to Seamers at Beverley (5f, firm) with DRUM SERGEANT (2lb better off) 1½l 4th. ANYTIME ANYWHERE 2l 2nd to City Link Pet at Goodwood (5f, good to firm).
TACHYON PARK 2¾l 3rd to Lady's Mantle at Windsor (5f, good to firm).
Selection: HINARI TELEVIDEO (nap)

4.15 VARIETY CLUB GOLDEN HEART HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,460: 1m 2f 7yd) (13 runners) C4

501 (13) 616-625 HILTI'S HUT 29 (G) (S Narchos) R Charlton 9-7 — Paul Eddery 94
502 (1) 0-4143 WILD AND LOOSE 32 (G) (R Richards) D Elsworth 9-2 — J Williams 91
503 (11) 51044 AFFAIR TO REMEMBER 17 (G) (I Pilkington) P Walwyn 9-1 — J Reid 89
504 (2) 0-31421 FRIEDLAND 37 (D,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0 — A McGlone 93
505 (5) 011124 CHIEFS BABU 9 (BF,C,F,G) (J Ali) B Hanbury 8-13 — B Raymond 91
506 (6) 1-43361 MUTAMARRID 9 (D,F) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-12 — N Carlisle 97
507 (7) 420010 CAROMANDOO 29 (D,F) (G Lederman) M Bell 8-11 — T Quinn 93
508 (4) 1- ORUJO 319 (F) (T Rooney) M Prescott 8-9 — G Duffield 92
509 (10) 00310 MAFATIN 45 (D,G) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-8 — W Carson 93
510 (3) 40-2103 MUDAFFAR 15 (S) (A Al Shafar) R Armstrong 8-6 — A Cruz 94
511 (12) 453002 PORT SUNLIGHT 19 (S) (Mrs C Powell) R Hannon 8-6 — R Perham (5) ● 98
512 (8) 02-3432 RIVAL BID 17 (BF) (D Altham) M Jarvis 8-4 — S O'Gorman (3) 90
513 (9) 4-52414 MAHFIL 19 (G) (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 8-1 — M Roberts 97

BETTING: 5-1 Friedland, 11-2 Hilti's Hut, 6-1 Wild And Loose, 8-1 Chiefs Babu, 10-1 Mutamarrid, Port Sunlight, 12-1 Orujo, Mafatin, Mudaffar, Mahfil, 14-1 others.

1990: GYMCRAK LOVEBIRD 3-8-7 J Williams (10-1) M H Easterby 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

HILTI'S HUT hampered when running on 8l 5th to Green Danube at Goodwood (1m 2f, good) with CAROMANDOO 6l 11th. WILD AND LOOSE 3½l 3rd to Deanwald at Goodwood (1m, good to firm). AFFAIR TO REMEMBER 8l 4th to Ga Bulga at Salisbury (1m 2f, firm).
FRIEDLAND beat Kaher ½l in Doncaster (1m 2f, good) amateur race. CHIEFS BABU 3l 4th to Janbiya at Salisbury (1m 2f, good to firm), beat Stop Press ½l here (1m 3f 110yd, good to firm) in May with PORT SUNLIGHT (2lb worse off) 5l 3rd. MUTAMARRID easily beat Nassb 1½l at Yarmouth (1m 2f, firm).
CAROMANDOO beat Talca 5l at Lingfield (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start.
ORUJO beat Tynan Purple 1½l at Leicester (1m, firm) in October. MAFATIN beat Chatham Island ¾l at Kempton (1m 2f, good) on penultimate start, with WILD AND LOOSE (same terms) ½l 4th.
MUDAFFAR 2¼l 3rd to Sir Arthur Hobbs at Haydock (1m, good to firm). PORT SUNLIGHT 1½l 2nd to Rive Jumelle at Windsor (1m 2f, good to firm). RIVAL BID ¾l 2nd to Neptune's Pet at Folkestone (1m 1f 110yd, firm).
MAHFIL 2½l 4th to Balasani at Leicester (1m 4f, good)
Selection: CHIEFS BABU

4.45 PALM BEACH CLUB HANDICAP (£3,850: 1m 6f) (12 runners) C4

601 (7) 3/0-0002 ROYAL SQUARE 29 (F) (Mrs B Hearse) G Harwood 5-9-10 — R Cochrane 95
602 (6) 332112 ROSGILL 59 (BF,F,S) (Brigadier Racing) P Mitchell 5-9-0 — M Roberts 93
603 (4) 154413 JINGA 38 (CD,F,G,S) (Duchess of Norfolk) Lady Herries 6-8-13 Tracey Purnsegrove (7) 95
604 (3) 511541 ART FORM 5 (D,F,G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-8-13 (4ex) — W Carson ● 99
605 (2) 002018- ALL IS REVEALED 480 (CD,F,G) (Mrs I Norman) D Thom 9-8-12 — J Williams 86
606 (1) 002020 BARRISH 10 (CD,F) (A Spence) R Akehurst 5-8-12 — T Quinn 98
607 (12) 633-233 GREY POWER 8 (J Smith) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-12 — J Reid 98
608 (5) 011 PRIPET 19 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 3-8-10 — A McGlone 98
609 (9) 211115 BEEBOB 11 (C,D,G) (D Johnson) G Lewis 3-8-5 — Paul Eddery 93
610 (10) 421314 PUFF PUFF 16 (F) (Mrs J Froome) Miss B Sanders 5-7-10 — Dale Gibson 97
611 (3) 310303 BRIGGSMAID 10 (F) (F Briggs) J Eustace 3-7-9 — D Harrison (7) 96
612 (11) 022022 OFFICER CADET 19 (G,S) (S Glazier) R Curtis 4-7-7 — J Quinn 97

BETTING: 7-2 Pripet, 5-1 Barrish, 6-1 Beebob, 13-2 Royal Square, 10-1 Rosgill, Art Form, Grey Power, 12-1 Puff Puff, 14-1 Jinga, 16-1 others.

1990: MEGAN'S FLIGHT 5-8-8 T Williams (6-1) Lady Herries 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

ROYAL SQUARE hd 2nd to Our Aisling at Thirsk (2m, firm). ROSGILL 3l 2nd to Beau Quest at Warwick (1m 4f, good), previously beat Western Dynasty 2l at Lingfield (1m 3f 110yd, heavy)
JINGA 3l 2nd to Bardolph over course and distance (good to soft), previously beat Lady Westgate nk at Chepstow (2m, good) ART FORM beat Dalby Dancer 1½l at Warwick (2m, good to firm)
ALL IS REVEALED beat Timmmon 1½l at Goodwood (2m, good to firm) on penultimate start last term.
BARRISH 5l 2nd to Witness Box over course and distance (good to firm) on penultimate start. GREY POWER 7l 3rd to Itizan at Newmarket (1m 7f, good)
PRIPET beat Spoof 6l at Thirsk (2m, firm) latest. ART FORM (4lb better off) 8l 4th. BEEBOB completed four-timer, beat Supreme Choice 1½l at Goodwood (1m 6f, good) on penultimate start. PUFF PUFF 7½l 4th to Requested at Salisbury (1m 6f, firm). BRIGGSMAID 3l 3rd to Punch The Air at Yarmouth (1m 6f, firm) latest. OFFICER CADET ½l 2nd to Balasani at Leicester (1m 4f, good) latest.
Selection: PRIPET

5.20 VARIETY CLUB CHILDRENS CHARITY GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (3-Y-O: £2,560: 1m 2f 7yds) (10 runners)

1 (3) 3- ARABIAN BOLD 354 (Sheikh A Dehlawi) W Haggas 9-0 — W Carson 80
2 (8) 400032 CHEW IT OVER 32 (C Wright) C Smith 9-0 — Paul Eddery 88
3 (6) 0-430 FAMOUS DANCER 42 (D Thompson) D Elsworth 9-0 — G Duffield 93
4 (5) HASTY SPARK (D Allan) C Wall 9-0 — A Cruz —
5 (4) 0-2 SIGNOR SASSIE 43 (N De Savary) G Harwood 9-0 — R Cochrane 95
6 (1) 5- THE FELTMAKER 350 (P Winfield) J Dunlop 9-0 — T Quinn 80
7 (2) 5 TOP SHIEL 32 (I Goldsmith) L Cumani 9-0 — J Fortune 98
8 (9) 04 VALUED FRIEND 17 (T Thom) J Bridger 9-0 — N Adams 63
9 (7) 6 DO THE RIGHT THING 53 (J Shack) A Stewart 8-8 — M Roberts —
10 (10) 22 WILY TRICK 117 (BF) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 8-8 — J Reid ● 99

BETTING: 7-4 Signor Sassie, 100-30 Wily Trick, 5-1 The Feltmaker, Top Shiel, 13-2 Arabian Bold, 10-1 Chew It Over, 12-1 others.

1990: GEORGIAN DANCER 3-9-0 L Dettori (6-4 fav) J Gosden 9 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
L Cumani	16	51	31.4	A Cruz	8	34	23.5
M H Easterby	4	13	30.8	R Perham	4	20	20.0
Lord Huntingdon	3	10	30.0	R Cochrane	31	160	19.4
M Channon	5	17	29.4	G Duffield	9	54	16.7
H A Cecil	18	62	29.0	T Quinn	18	121	14.9
M Prescott	6	21	28.6	M Roberts	25	183	13.7

(Not including yesterday's results)

Ocean Air faces tough task

FROM OUR FRENCH RACING CORRESPONDENT, PARIS

HENRY Cecil's Ocean Air faces a stiff task in the £20,367 Prix de la Nonette at Longchamp tomorrow when she is opposed by Caerlina and Magic Night, first and second in the Prix de Diane.

Ocean Air, who will be ridden by Tony Cruz, has not been out since winning the Warwick Oaks in June and will be hard-pressed to make the frame.

Pat Eddery is on his regular Sunday French duty and rides Khaled Abdulla's Polemic in the ten-furlong race.

Zino, Francois Boutin's 1982 2,000 Guineas winner, died after a severe attack of colic at the Haras du Logis yesterday morning.

☐ Mondrian, the German-owned five-year-old trained by Paul Cole, attempts to win the group one Grosser Preis von Baden (1m 4f) for the third year running at Baden-Baden tomorrow. Richard Quinn rides. Other British-trained horses vying for the £86,505 prize are Michael Jarvis's Another Bob (Paul Eddery) and Ian Balding's Spinning (Michael Hills).

CHESTER

MANDARIN	THUNDERER
2.00 Well Furnished.	2.00 Wild Prospect.
2.30 Primus.	2.30 Majal.
3.00 Per Quod.	3.00 Bondstone.
3.30 Dr Maccarter.	3.30 Mardessa.
4.00 Isdar.	4.00 Isdar.
4.30 Titian Red.	4.30 Snow Maiden.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.00 Isdar.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 6F 18YD-7F 122YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 TRICITY BENDIX PRINCESS HANDICAP (£6,544: 7f 122yd) (18 runners) BBC1

1 (13) 113-00 SELAAH 133 (D,F,G) (A Al-Maktoum) M Stoute 4-9-11 — W R Swinburn 82
2 (11) 005101 EASY LINE 10 (F,G,S) (C Potter) P Felden 8-9-9 — NON-RUNNER —
3 (12) 201620 RESOLUTE BAY 9 (V,C,F,G) (D Buckley) R Whitaker 5-9-7 — L Dettori 83
4 (1) 012234 PAY HOMAGE 7 (D,F) (Miss A Hill) I Balding 3-9-5 — M Hills 92
5 (3) 100601 PROFILIC 5 (C,F,G,S) (J Goodman) J H Wilson 6-8-11 (7ex) — W Ryan 90
6 (18) 005006 ARTURIAN 7 (B,G) (G Stewart) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-9 — W Newnes 98
7 (8) 52115-0 REMITHAT NASER 18 (F,S) (T Nerses) J Czerpak 4-8-6 — J Murray 93
8 (4) 003344 WELL FURNISHED 8 (BF,F,G) (P Alle) A Scott 4-8-5 — Pat Eddery ● 99
9 (16) 221333 VICTORIA ROAD 49 (D,F) (T Bennett) M H Easterby 3-8-3 — K Darley 90
10 (14) 43-0312 PIQUANT 15 (F,G,S) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-3 — D Holland 94
11 (10) 120-500 SING OUT 14 (Dr C Stelling) C Nelson 3-8-1 — R Hills 88
12 (6) 200111 WILD PROSPECT 16 (D,F,G) (G Dyson) C Tinkler 3-7-13 — L Charnock 92
13 (2) 525412 DUMBRECK 49 (F,S) (H O'Donnell) Miss L Perratt 4-7-7 — A Mackay 95
14 (7) 4-03624 FALCONS DAWN 64 (V,S) (A King) M O'Neill 4-7-7 — R Fox 94
15 (5) 206024 CEE-JAY-AY 10 (CD,BF,F) (R Jinks) J Berry 4-7-7 — T Williams 86
16 (17) 02150 GRAND GUIGNOL 15 (D) (H Morriss) G Wragg 3-7-7 — F Norton (5) 97
17 (15) 363462 MARCROFT 16 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Clayton) R Hollinshead 5-7-7 — — 88
18 (9) 000420 KRISTIS GIRL 14 (S) (Mrs S Mantle) D Haydn Jones 4-7-7 — — 84

BETTING: 6-1 Wild Prospect, 13-2 Piquant, 7-1 Well Furnished, 8-1 Resolute Bay, Pay Homage, 10-1 Victoria Road, Cee-Jay-Ay, 12-1 Selaah, Profilic, 14-1 Marcroft, Dumbreck, 16-1 others.

1990: HACKFORTH 4-7-11 A Munro (9-1) J Bethell 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

RESOLUTE BAY 1½l 2nd to Gabbadini at Haydock (7f, firm) on penultimate start. PAY HOMAGE 2l 4th to Soult at Newmarket (7f, good) with ARTURIAN (3lb better off) 3l 6th; earlier ½l 2nd to Dream Carrier over course and distance (good) with VICTORIA ROAD (1lb better off) 3l away 3rd.
PROFILIC beat Lucasleo 1l at Newcastle (6f, good to firm). WELL FURNISHED 3l 4th to Burdur at Goodwood (1m, good).
PIQUANT 2½l 2nd to Claret at Newbury (1m, good) with GALLANT HOPE 8l 8th and FRIMLEY PARKSON 7l 11th. SLIP-A-SNIP bt Consulate 2l at Kempton (5f, good to soft) on penultimate start. REAL STUNNER ½l 2nd to Seamers at Beverley (5f, firm) with DRUM SERGEANT (2lb better off) 1½l 4th. ANYTIME ANYWHERE 2l 2nd to City Link Pet at Goodwood (5f, good to firm).
TACHYON PARK 2¾l 3rd to Lady's Mantle at Windsor (5f, good to firm).
Selection: HINARI TELEVIDEO (nap)

3.00 TRICITY BENDIX SERIES SIX CHESTER STAKES (Listed race: £13,922: 1m 5f 89yd) (6 runners) BBC1

1 (5) 0-11404 PER QUOD 63 (CD,BF,G,S) (H McKnight) B Hanbury 6-9-7 — Pat Eddery 94
2 (6) 221-223 BONDSTONE 11 (BF,G,S) (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 4-9-2 — W Ryan 94
3 (2) 22-1204 CRACK 49 (F,G) (Mrs C Heath) L Cumani 4-9-2 — L Dettori 94
4 (3) 560148 TRY TRUST 28 (F) (T Tsurumaki) C Brittain 5-9-2 — G Crealock 75
5 (1) 384500 SECRET WATERS 10 (D,F) (R Crutchley) R Johnson Houghton 4-8-11 A Munro 95
6 (4) 0312 ARCADIAN HEIGHTS 7 (G) (J Pearce) G Wragg 3-8-5 — W R Swinburn ● 99

BETTING: 5-2 Bondstone, 3-1 Per Quod, 7-2 Arcadian Heights, 9-2 Crack, 6-1 Secret Waters, 16-1 Try Trust

1990: TARIKHANA 3-8-1 Paul Eddery (11-2) M Stoute 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

PER QUOD short head and two heads 4th to Mukddaam at Newmarket (1m 4f, good); previously well beaten 11th to Indian Queen in group I Ascot Gold Cup (2m 4f, good) with CRACK 12th.
BONDSTONE 5½l 3rd to Supreme Choice at York (2m, good); previously 2½l 2nd to Great Marquess over same course and distance with CRACK 15l away 4th; earlier 4l 2nd to Deposit (rec 35lb) over today's course and distance (soft). TRY TRUST has disappointed since beating Bottles ½l in Lingfield handicap (1m 3f 110yd, good to firm). ARCADIAN HEIGHTS 1½l 2nd to Jahafil at Goodwood (1m 6f, good); previously beat Shelegal 3l at Newmarket (1m 7f, good)
Selection: BONDSTONE

3.30 PARADISE CLAIMING STAKES (£3,980: 1m 2f 75yd) (9 runners)

1 (2) 51321/ TEL-ECHO 231J (F,G,S) (Pertempa Ltd) G Balding 7-9-2 — W Newnes —
2 (1) 444423 ACQUISITION 12 (J Berry) J Berry 4-8-6 — A Munro 84
3 (5) 222032 DR MACCARTER 14 (B,D,BF) (M McDonnell) W O'Gorman 4-8-6 E O'Gorman (5) ● 99
4 (6) 0/0000-2 LILY'S LOVER 16 (G) (P Hiatt) D Burchell 5-8-6 — K Fallon 82
5 (7) 642610 TOP OF THE BILL 22 (C,D,F,G) (F Golding) N Callaghan 4-8-6 — Pat Eddery 94
6 (9) 104323 MARDESSA 21 (D,BF,F,G) (G Lee) F Lee 3-8-3 — W Ryan 95
7 (4) 400-000 BARACHOIS PRINCESS 15 (J Graham) R Hollinshead 4-8-1 — K Darley —
8 (3) 266031 PRINCESS ROXANNE 1 (B,F) (H O'Donnell) A Bailey 4-8-1 — A Mackay 93
9 (8) 520052 CHARLIE'S DARLING 31 (F,G) (Mrs L May) J Czerpak 3-7-13 R Price (5) 84

1990: RIO PIEDRAS 6-8-0 A Munro (4-1) A Bailey 13 ran

BETTING: 3-1 Top Of The Bill, 7-2 Mardessa, 4-1 Princess Roxanne, 9-2 Dr Maccarter, 5-1 Lily's Lover, 6-1 Charlie's Darling, 8-1 Acquisition, 12-1 others.

4.00 LINENHALL STAKES (Graduation race: 2-Y-O: £5,270: 6f 18yd) (6 runners)

1 (6) 20U14 BLUE TIGER 10 (D,G) (M Salem) B Hanbury 9-4 — Pat Eddery 91
2 (4) 1 ISDAR 71 (G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-4 — R Hills 94
3 (2) 1 KILLY 15 (D,F) (P Barr) F Lee 9-4 — W Ryan 84
4 (5) 32414 STORMSWEPT 50 (C,BF,S) (R Sangster) J Berry 8-13 — L Dettori 84
5 (1) 0222 COMMANCHE DANCER 7 (Mrs P Yong) W O'Gorman 8-11 — A Munro ● 99
6 (3) 3 SECRET THING 57 (L Gaucci) C Brittain 8-11 — G Crealock 87

BETTING: 6-4 Isdar, 4-1 Commanche Dancer, 5-1 Blue Tiger, 6-1 Killy, 8-1 Secret Thing, 10-1 Stormswept

1990: TISWA 8-8 Pat Eddery (7-2) B Hanbury 5 ran

4.30 ROUGE ROSE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,012: 1m 2f 75yd) (7 runners)

1 (6) 6- COLOUR QUEST 425 (Mrs H Phillips) C Brittain 8-11 — G Crealock —
2 (2) 5 HAVE A CARE 9 (J Tree) R Charlton 8-11 — S Raymont 95
3 (1) PERCY'S GIRL (Sheikh Mohammed) G Wragg 8-11 — W R Swinburn —
4 (3) 006-00 PLAYUP 67 (Lord Tavistock) Mrs L Piggott 8-11 — B Crossley 81
5 (5) RISHA FLOWER (K Abdulla) R Charlton 8-11 — Pat Eddery —
6 (7) 44 SNOW MAIDEN 78 (M Salem) B Hanbury 8-11 — W Ryan 94
7 (4) 424 TITIAN RED 57 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 8-11 — D Holland ● 99

BETTING: 9-4 Snow Maiden, 11-4 Titian Red, 7-2 Risha Flower, 5-1 Percy's Girl, 8-1 Have A Care, 12-1 Colour Quest, 16-1 Playup.

1990: JUBILEE TRAIL 8-11 Pat Eddery (8-4 fav) B Hills 8 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
B Hanbury	11	26	42.3	Pat Eddery	20	74	27.0
G Lewis	4	10	40.0	W Ryan	5	20	25.0
H Cecil	8	23	34.8	M Hills	11	58	19.0
B Hills	22	70	31.4	R Hills	7	38	18.4
F Lee	6	25	24.0	A Munro	7	40	17.5
M Stoute	8	34	23.5	L Dettori	3	20	15.0

(Not including yesterday's results)

Piggott has Baden-Baden double

LESTER Piggott was again in vintage form at Baden-Baden yesterday, landing a double on the British-trained pair Northern Hal and Showbrook.

Peter Walwyn's Northern Hal, a 5-4 on chance, captured the £10,381 Preis der Stadt Baden Baden (10f) by just under two lengths from Averax.

Piggon partnered Richard Hannon's Showbrook, 5-1 on, to a smooth one-and-a-half victory in the group two £34,602 Moet & Chandon Rennen (6f). Philip Mitchell's Sylvan Sabre was fifth, while Roger Charlton's Gold Desert was withdrawn.

☐ Peter Scudamore made it three wins from three rides in France when Silver Word, who paid odds of more than 11-1, won the Grand Steeplechase de Deauville at Clairefontaine yesterday.

HEREFORD

MANDARIN
2.15 Acrow Lord. 2.45 Grey Sonata. 3.15 Market Leader. 3.45 Sporting Idol. 4.15 Smile Again. 4.45 Slippery Max.

THUNDERER
2.15 Acrow Lord. 2.45 Our Vision. 3.15 Market Leader. 3.45 Sporting Idol. 4.15 The Pursewarden. 4.45 Stanway.

GOING: FIRM

2.15 YARSOP CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HURDLE (£1,292: 2m) (7 runners)

1 2 CASPIAN GATES 19 A Lee 7-11-0 — M Foster
2 24/ SCANNER LAD 710 J Bennett 5-11-0 — M Jennings (5)
3 3-43 ACROW LORD 10 (B,BF) M P

Warwickshire beat Worcestershire and displace Essex at the head of the Britannic Assurance county championship

Reeve joins Ostler to bring relief to nerves

By RICHARD STREETON

EDGBASTON (third day of four): Warwickshire (20pts) beat Worcestershire (5) by four wickets

RESOLUTE batting by Warwickshire enabled them to overcome the controversial pitch here yesterday and gain a victory that restored them to the top of the Britannic Assurance championship table. Warwickshire were made to struggle all the way before they reached their target of 211 half an hour after lunch to win with more than a day-and-a-half to spare.

Afterwards Tim Curtis, the Worcestershire captain, said he was reluctant to disgaree with the umpires' decision that the pitch was "poor" rather than unfit. "Perhaps I should say that their decision was fair but it must have been a close decision." Curtis said the pitch was certainly underprepared and one that ruined the argument for four-day matches.

When pressed, Curtis said he had not played on a worse pitch this season. Andy Lloyd, the Warwickshire captain, claimed he had, without identifying the ground.

The match was finally swung towards Warwickshire by a fifth-wicket partnership between Dominic Ostler and Dermot Reeve, who added 70 in 25 overs, the biggest stand in the match. Ostler, who is aged 21 and playing his first full season, hit shrewdly as he made 41 and after the match was awarded his county cap.

Warwickshire made a poor start by losing Moles and Lloyd quickly when they resumed needing a further 103 runs with eight wickets left. Some of the pace had gone from the pitch. The ball's bounce continued to be uncertain, though, and it mostly came through low.

Moles was caught behind from the first ball he faced, one from Newport lifting and leaving him. Moles had survived a chance to gully off Botham the previous evening when 35 but otherwise had made a vital contribution. For Warwickshire, much had seemed to depend on his remaining. Lloyd pushed a catch off his legs to mid-wicket soon afterwards.

Reeve went carefully but Ostler was always willing to strike the ball firmly. He played and missed once or twice, especially against Botham, who was making his last first-class appearance for Worcestershire before joining Durham. The tide turned when Ostler sliced a drive off Radford that went for six over gully and drove the next ball through the covers for a four.

Ostler's calm temperament was equal to some frenzied appealing from Botham as the stand prospered until, just before lunch, Reeve moved out to Illingworth and was stumped. Warwickshire were nine runs short by the interval and in the third over afterwards Ostler played a ball from Newport into his stumps as he stepped back to cut. Ostler batted two-and-a-quarter hours, faced 103 balls and hit a six and six fours.

Six runs were needed when a fierce pull by the left-handed Holloway hit Bent in the face at forward short-leg. He later went for an x-ray on a suspected fractured cheekbone. Holloway made the winning hit when he reverse-swept Illingworth for four to complete what was only Warwickshire's second win at home against Worcestershire since 1951.

Leading positions

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Warwickshire	20	9	4	7	52	58	254
Essex	19	8	5	6	58	55	241
Derbyshire	18	7	4	7	42	63	217

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Shattered: Headley, of Middlesex, is comprehensively bowled by Penn, of Kent, at Canterbury yesterday

Kent pair make light of deficit

By IVO TENNANT

CANTERBURY (third day of four): Kent, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, lead Middlesex by 141 runs

FAR from being in thrall to Middlesex after Mike Gatting's memorable century the previous day and conceding a first innings lead of 146, Kent finished the third day 141 runs ahead, eight wickets in hand. They achieved this through the proficient batting of Trevor Ward and Neil Taylor, both of whom made their fifth centuries of the season in putting on 226.

It was Ward's fourth championship century, and one that took his average above 40 for the season. If anything can be said to have enhanced his game, it is regularly opening Kent's innings. Since Taylor dropped down the order to No. 3 in June, Ward has made four of his five centuries. He gives the ball a fearful thrashing, especially when it is pitched up to him.

In three sessions the only Kent wicket that Middlesex took other than that of Taylor was Benson, caught at mid-wicket mistiming Tufnell's second ball. Rather than looking to bat circumspectly in making up their deficit, Ward and Taylor had a dart at anything off line. Their first 100 together took 27 overs, their second 32.

Taylor is the epitome of consistency That he never catches the eye of the selectors must have something to do with the way he makes his runs, but there was nothing uninviting about this innings. In fact he reached his century quicker than Ward, 185 balls as against 210.

Of the bowling they faced, Emburey and Tufnell found nothing in the pitch. Cowans and Williams were steady, nothing more; and Headley was wayward to the extent of conceding 81 off 14 overs.

Middlesex were led all day by Emburey since Gatting was afflicted by not one, but two injuries. The finger on his left hand which was thought to have been dislocated had, it transpired, been broken. Then, at lunch, a waitress spilled a pot of tea all down Gatting's chest as she fell headlong. Back to hospital he went, and not for the last time. He was there again after tea to have his chest dressed.

He will bat today if required and most probably make a century, for he is as tough as they come. Not so the poor waitress, who was as distraught as the Middlesex bowlers were by the close of play. Ward was still there, unbeaten on 140, having hit 18 fours off 297 balls.

Crawley leads by example to help spring a surprise

By JOHN WOODCOCK

CHELMSFORD (last day of four): England Under-19 beat Australia Under-19 by four wickets

With their captain, John Crawley, first steadying and then leading them, England sprung a splendid surprise by winning the second Youth Test match at Chelmsford yesterday. Left to make 401 to win, they got them with four wickets and three balls to spare, Crawley's 130 being augmented by indispensable contributions from several others.

The match yielded 1,430 runs for the loss of 26 wickets, a sure indication that among the young, as elsewhere, there is not the bowling to overcome good pitches in good weather. Australia relied even more heavily than England on anything of medium pace and above.

This last day provided, even so, a most welcome contrast to Australia's pointless batting on Thursday. That it brought England victory was an added bonus. In the past two years, or just over, they have been so consistently outplayed by Australia, at both senior and junior levels, that the 15 matches before this had brought eight defeats and seven, mostly desperate, draws. But the discretion and eventually confidence which England showed yesterday were altogether warming.

Looking in his play, remarkably like Chris Broad, Weston was in for all but a few balls of the morning. For the first half-hour or so, Kasprowicz and Cook took quite a bit of handling, and Weston showed how to do it. Smith, too, gave as good as he got until he edged an intended drive into his stumps. At lunch, England were 91 for 3 and none too sure of taking Australia all the way.

But Crawley had got a start, and in Lathwell, then Irani, he found two worthy partners. Lathwell, Smith and Welch, all with a real gift for timing, produced strokes in this match, played late, which anybody would have been pleased with. Crawley is taller and more accomplished. He is further along the road than the others, not so much in age (he is about to be 20) as in cricketing maturity, and there is nothing the matter with his method.

In a fourth-wicket partnership of 98, Crawley and Lathwell built a platform from which Crawley and Irani were able to launch the bid for victory. Irani was the only batsman in the match never to wear a helmet. Well over 6ft tall and strong with it, he drove like a grown man. So, with 20 overs left and six wickets standing, England needed 114, a target which, with Irani, Welch and Rollins keeping their heads and playing so well, was always kept just within reach.

It is customary for two or three members of these Under-19 sides to go on and play Test cricket. Of the Australian side which came here in 1983, their last visit, Dodemaide, Healy, McDermott and Veletta had done so. Of the present lot, Martyn obviously has the best chance. Of the England players, Crawley has the ability

He has already toured Australia and New Zealand, besides having had a season with Cambridge, and he has usually been needed, as he was yesterday, to make runs. I doubt whether he is behind Michael Atherton at the same age. Weston, too, is one to watch. A Durham School boy, the eighteenth first-class county would be well advised to keep their tabs on him.

Bicknell moves out of shadow

By GEOFFREY WHEELER

WITH Waqar Younis for once playing second fiddle to his new-ball partner, Martin Bicknell, Surrey beat Sussex by an innings and 128 runs at the Oval yesterday, their seventh victory of the season, sharply improving their chances of finishing in the prize-money in this season's Britannic Assurance championship.

Bicknell finished with figures of seven for 52, his best in championship cricket, as Sussex, who began the day at 26 for three in their second innings were bowled out for 142, batting a man short because of a hand injury to Lenham.

Ian Greig, the Surrey captain, afterwards paid tribute to Bicknell. "He bowled particularly well . . . and it was nice to show the world that we have other bowlers beside Waqar."

Elsewhere bowlers had to work harder for their wickets. Peter Hartley, of Yorkshire, got through 38 overs while taking six for 151 as Northamptonshire piled up 497 at Northampton, which gave them a first innings lead of 182, a deficit Yorkshire cleared for the loss of three wickets before slipping to 200 for five.

Harvey Trump, the young Somerset off spinner, toiled through 43 overs for his six for 121 against Hampshire at Southampton. Trump dismissed the first six players in the order, including David Gower, who hit a six and 14 fours in his 73, which took him past 1,000 runs for the season. Hampshire declared 142 behind, enabling Jimmy Cook to score yet another century before the close, his tenth of the season, which equalled Bill Alley's county record.

Ravi Shastri's four from 74 from 38 overs helped Glamorgan enforce the follow-on at Abergavenny against Gloucestershire, who fell eight runs short of their safety target of 365 despite a career-best 66 in 38 minutes from David Lawrence. Wright, who was top scorer with 89, also led second innings resistance, but Gloucestershire have lost five wickets and are still behind. The uncapped Stephen Titchard added an assured 73 to his first innings century at Old Trafford, where Lancashire were able to leave Nottinghamshire a formidable target of 359 and then reduce them to 102 for three.

NatWest may pull out

OFFICIALS of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), who are already seeking new sponsors for the Sunday league, were warned yesterday that NatWest might end sponsorship of the 60-over knockout competition if the BBC loses the rights to television coverage (Geoffrey Wheeler writes).

The move of TV screening of the games from BBC to BSkyB was thought to be one of the reasons that Refuge Assurance's association with the Sunday competition is ending this season.

Benson and Hedges Cup matches, once shown solely on BBC, are now also transmitted on the satellite channel.

Lord Alexander, chairman of National Westminster Bank, said yesterday: "NatWest is committed to give long-term support to cricket. We sponsor not only the NatWest Trophy but also grass-roots cricket in the community at all age levels. One of our chief aims is to bring cricket to as wide an audience as possible, both for the good of the game and of course our commercial interests."

Azharuddin makes Derbyshire's day

By JACK BAILEY

LEICESTER (third day of four): Leicestershire, with eight wickets in hand, are 435 runs behind Derbyshire

SO FIRMLY set in the mind of Kim Barnett, Derbyshire's captain, was the hitherto lethal combination of late evening/early morning and the newish ball, that he delayed his declaration yesterday until the last possible moment.

Beyond Azharuddin's brilliant double century, beyond Derbyshire's 400, and beyond tea, he went, declaring finally at 4.50pm and leaving himself an hour and a half yesterday and all of today to prise out Leicestershire who will surely find their target of 487 too tall an order even on this docile pitch.

A win in this match is, of course, critical to Derbyshire's championship aspirations and so far, Barnett, by taking two sharp catches at short leg, has gone a long way towards justifying his decision. He was helped considerably by Azharuddin. The Indian captain, playing with that wristy mastery, batted ten minutes short of five hours for his 212. It was his highest score for his adopted county, his seventh of over 100 for them this season and for good measure his sixteenth of over 50 — a Derbyshire record.

Azharuddin might have caused the pundits to rummage even deeper into the record books had it not been for the scarcity of bowling that came his way during the last hour of his innings. The harder that Barnett and Krikken tried to ply him with the bowling, the less he saw of it. Krikken's attempt to block the ball would result as often as not in a snick to third man; and so it went on.

The statistical evidence was there. Azharuddin's third 50 took 29 minutes and came from 31 balls; his fourth came from 35 balls but lasted 51 minutes. When he did reach the coveted mark, Leicestershire's fielders applauded as loudly as anyone.

They were in the best position to appreciate the 29 fours and three sixes which took his aggregate to 1,895 runs, the highest anyone has scored in his first season for the county.

There was little respite for Leicestershire's bowlers but Millns will bowl worse and take three wickets instead of yesterday's blank sheet, and Maguire bowled economically. They will know that Derbyshire have won only once at Grace Road this century. Thirty years later, Barnett and his men stand on the threshold.

America plays its own tune

SIMON BARNES IN NEW YORK

DO YOU think America is excited about the world athletics championships? America is underwhelmed. America may be the strongest track-and-field nation in the world, but despite phenomenal achievments this week, the event has not stirred the blood over here. The television coverage is minimal: catch the highlights after midnight. Last weekend's 11-page sport section in the *New York Times* contained 800 words on athletics, and these at the foot of a page.

This is not a problem with athletics. The thing is that America is not basically interested in international sport. This is hard for Brits to understand. We have been brought up on Test matches, football internationals and five nations' rugby. This is the highest level of sport as we understand it.

The Olympic Games are a quadrennial aberration in the States, not, as they are for most other nations, a culmination. Americans see the Olympics as a triumph of the little guys: the noble small-timers, as opposed to the monsters of professional sport. Occasionally, one or other of these becomes a media — rather than a sporting — phenomenon: Mary Decker, Mark Spitz, Flo-Jo.

America is both vast and inward-looking. Its sporting concerns are domestic. There are enough stars, stories and challenges in this enormous place to satisfy any sporting person. And so this weekend, sporting people — that means just about everybody in America — look not to Sunday's climactic events in Tokyo, but to the first weekend of the football season.

This is Labor Day weekend, a great annual holiday to celebrate the end of the summer. It culminates on Monday night with the biggest football game of the long weekend. *Monday Night Football*, the game picked for a prime-time slot on national televsion, has become a great American institution. The eyes of the nation are on the game. It takes place here in New York and it matches the Super Bowl winners, the New York Giants, against the favourites they beat to get there, the San Francisco 49ers. The monstrous American achievments in the longjump fade into nothing when compared with this game, spiced as it is is with a double quarterback controversy.

The quarterback, the pivot not only of the team but of the American sporting dream, is a position of leadership and athletic ability. Joe Montana, of the 49ers, probably the best that has ever thrown a football, is injured, and his understudy, Steve Young (at $2 million a season not a bad job), comes in.

With the Giants, we have the age-old story of the star who became the understudy. Phil Simms, a Super Bowl winning player, has been replaced as starting quarterback by his understudy, Jeff Hostetler. The "Hoss", however, threw the Giants to a Super Bowl win himself when Simms was injured last season.

The Giants coach, Bill Parcells, has left for television, and that leaves Ray Handley in charge. This could turn out to be the oldest American story of them all: the understudy who became a star, mucked it up and got fired. Or maybe not. It is the test of a lifetime, that is certain. "I would not," he said, "describe any of my emotions as 'excitement' right now."

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Leics v Derbys

LEICESTER *(third day of four: Leicestershire, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 435 runs behind Derbyshire*

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 274 (P D Bowler 104; J N Maguire 5 for 67)

Second Innings

P D Bowler c Potter b Wilkinson 26
J E Morris b Maguire 17
T J G O'Gorman c Whittcase b Wilkinson 33
M Azharuddin c Maguire b Parsons 212
S C Goldsmith c Boon b Potter 9
*K J Barnett c Potter b Hepworth 36
†K M Krikken c Boon b Gidley 65
D G Cork not out 22
A E Warner c Millns b Hepworth 6
S J Base c Wilkinson b Gidley 8
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 1, nb 5) 13
Total (9 wkts dec) 447

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-51, 3-152, 4-175, 5-288, 6-368, 7-421, 8-439, 9-447.

BOWLING: Millns 15-1-68-0; Parsons 10-1-45-1; Wilkinson 20-2-81-2; Maguire 20-5-62-1; Gidley 11.4-0-58-2; Potter 20-3-69-1; Hepworth 8-1-57-2.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 235 (M I Gidley 80)

Second Innings

T J Boon not out 20
*N E Briers c Barnett b Cork 3
P N Hepworth c Barnett b Warner 7
J J Whitaker not out 18
Extras (nb 3) 3
Total (2 wkts) 51

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-23.

Bonus points: Leicestershire 6, Derbyshire 7.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and G I Burgess.

Kent v Middlesex

CANTERBURY *(third day of four): Kent, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 141 runs ahead of Middlesex*

KENT: First Innings 258 (T R Ward 51; D W Headley 5 for 100)

Second Innings

T R Ward not out 140
*M R Benson c Weekes b Tufnell 20
N R Taylor c sub b Williams 101
G R Cowdrey not out 6
Extras (b 8, lb 6, nb 8) 20
Total (2 wkts) 287

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-265.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

M A Roseberry c Ellison b Penn 18
J C Pooley c Marsh b Igglesden 11
†P Farbrace lbw b Penn 0
M R Ramprakash lbw b Ellison 87
P N Weekes c Davis b Ellison 4
J E Emburey lbw b Feltham 20
*M W Gatting c Davis b Feltham 174
N F Williams lbw b Penn 1
D W Headley b Penn 26
P C R Tufnell not out 31
N G Cowans lbw b Penn 5
Extras (b 1, lb 12, nb 14) 27
Total 404

Score after 100 overs: 250-5.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-28, 3-33, 4-38, 5-87, 6-305, 7-311, 8-342, 9-393.

BOWLING: Igglesden 5.1-1-12-1; Penn 39.5-11-105-5; Feltham 18.5-4-47-2; Ellison 35.5-86-2; Fleming 17-3-65-0; Davis 17-1-74-0

Bonus points: Kent 5, Middlesex 7.

Umpires: B Hassan and R Palmer.

Hants v Somerset

SOUTHAMPTON *(third day of four): Somerset, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 211 runs ahead of Hampshire*

SOMERSET: First Innings 331 for 7 dec (S J Cook 197, C J Tavaré 68, N D Burns 61 not out, I D Fletcher 56)

Second Innings

S J Cook not out 115
G T J Townsend c Smith b Turner 18
R J Harden c Gower b Maru 62
*C J Tavaré not out 10
Extras (b 4, lb 3, nb 6) 13
Total (2 wkts) 218

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-74, 2-119.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

V P Terry c Burns b Trump 86
T C Middleton c Townsend b Trump 24
K D James c Tavaré b Trump 25
R A Smith st Burns b Trump 81
D I Gower c Cook b Trump 73
*M C J Nicholas not out 27
†A N Aymes c Townsend b Trump 13
R J Maru c Cook b Rose 1
I J Turner c Burns b Rose 0
K J Shine not out 0
Extras (lb 3, nb 5) 8
Total (8 wkts dec) 338

Score after 100 overs: 314-5

Aqib Javed did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-69, 3-201, 4-253, 5-314, 6-335, 7-338, 8-338.

BOWLING: Van Troost 18-5-42-0; Rose 20-3-78-2; Lefebvre 23-5-52-0; Trump 43-11-121-6; Harden 3-0-11-0; Graveney 7-1-31-0.

Bonus points: Hampshire 5, Somerset 8.

Umpires: A A Jones and D R Shepherd.

Lancs v Notts

OLD TRAFFORD *(third day of four): Nottinghamshire, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 278 runs behind Lancashire*

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 328 (S P Titchard 135, J A Afford 4 for 76)

Second Innings

G D Mendis b Stephenson 0
N J Speak c French b Pick 11
G D Lloyd c Stephenson b Hemmings 22
*N H Fairbrother c Robinson b Hemmings 12
S P Titchard c French b Pick 77
M Watkinson c Johnson b Afford 27
P A J DeFreitas b Hemmings 16
†W K Hegg c Randall b Hemmings 40
J D Fitton lbw b Pick 1
G Yates not out 11
I D Austin lbw b Hemmings 2
Extras (b 11, lb 8, w 1, nb 5) 25
Total 244

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-21, 3-54, 4-54, 5-93, 6-120, 7-218, 8-223, 9-239.

BOWLING: Stephenson 12-0-55-1; Pick 11-1-37-3, Afford 20-5-58-1, Hemmings 23.1-3-75-5.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 212 (B C Broad 54; M Watkinson 4 for 55)

Second Innings

B C Broad lbw b DeFreitas 10
P R Pollard lbw b Austin 12
*R T Robinson retired hurt 19
D W Randall not out 28
P Johnson not out 5
Extras (lb 5, nb 1) 6
Total (2 wkts) 80

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-35

Bonus points: Lancashire 6, Nottinghamshire 6.

Umpires: J D Bond and R A White.

Northants v Yorks

NORTHAMPTON *(third day of four): Yorkshire, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 18 runs ahead of Northamptonshire*

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 315 (P Carrick 67, A A Metcalfe 68,

Second Innings

*M D Moxon b Baptiste 55
A A Metcalfe lbw b Baptiste 42
D Byas b Roberts 38
S A Kellett c and b Bailey 3
P E Robinson c Lamb b Baptiste 34
D Gough not out 6
†R J Blakey not out 4
Extras (b 4, lb 11, nb 1) 16
Total (5 wkts) 200

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-98, 2-99, 3-102, 4-157, 5-157.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

A Fordham c Fletcher b Hartley 165
W Larkins c Blakey b Hartley 5
R J Bailey c P E Robinson b Fletcher 12
*A J Lamb c Blakey b Hartley 109
N A Stanley lbw b Hartley 34
D J Capel c Blakey b Hartley 66
K M Curran c M A Robinson b Gough 2
E A E Baptiste lbw b Hartley 5
A L Penberthy c Fletcher b Carrick 41
A R Roberts c Moxon b M A Robinson 9
†W M Noon not out 10
Extras (b 4, lb 23, w 2, nb 10) 39
Total 497

Score after 100 overs: 396-4

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-43, 3-216, 4-302, 5-402, 6-427, 7-429, 8-433, 9-452.

BOWLING: Hartley 38-6-151-6, Gough 30-7-97-1; Fletcher 11-0-76-1, M A Robinson 27-6-58-1, Carrick 31.4-5-96-1.

Bonus points: Northamptonshire 6, Yorkshire 3.

Umpires: J H Harris and B Dudleston.

Surrey v Sussex

THE OVAL *(third day of four): Surrey (24pts) beat Sussex (3) by an innings and 128 runs*

SURREY: First Innings 445 (G P Thorpe 177)

SUSSEX: First Innings 175 (P Moores 54; Waqar Younis 4 for 52)

Second Innings

†P Moores c Ward b M P Bicknell 7
D M Smith c Lynch b M P Bicknell 0
K Greenfield c D J Bicknell b M P Bicknell 8
B T P Donelan b Feltham 36
A N Jones b M P Bicknell 19
A P Wells c Stewart b M P Bicknell 3
R Henley c Stewart b M P Bicknell 0
J A North lbw b M P Bicknell 0
A I C Dodemaide run out 48
A C S Pigott not out 18
Extras (b 2, lb 1) 3
Total (9 wkts) 142

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-15, 3-36, 4-68, 5-72, 6-74, 7-74, 8-85.

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 15-2-51-0; M P Bicknell 23-5-52-7; Feltham 11-1-36-1; Medlycott 1-1-0-0.

Umpires: N T Plews and R C Tolchard.

Glamorgan v Gloucs

ABERGAVENNY *(third day of four): Gloucestershire, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are four runs behind Glamorgan*

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 514 for 9 dec (A R Butcher 147, A Dale 140, H Morris 85, S P James 86)

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

G D Hodgson c Metson b Croft 39
R J Scott lbw b Bastien 21
*A J Wright c James b Shastri 89
C W J Athey c Morris b Shastri 2
M W Alleyne c Metson b Frost 40
†R C Russell run out 15
J W Lloyds c and b Croft 50
M C J Ball c Morris b Shastri 0
D V Lawrence c Metson b Frost 66
D R Gilbert b Shastri 2
A M Babington not out 14
Extras (lb 8, nb 12) 20
Total 357

Score after 100 overs: 298-8.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-51, 2-89, 3-72, 4-147, 5-216, 6-221, 7-223, 8-296, 9-309.

BOWLING: Watkin 24-7-51-0; Frost 21-5-82-2; Bastien 17-4-78-1; Croft 23.1-4-65-2; Shastri 39-13-74-4.

Second Innings

G D Hodgson lbw b Watkin 4
J W Lloyds c Metson b Shastri 12
R J Scott c Metson b Dale 10
*A J Wright not out 47
C W J Athey lbw b Dale 0
M W Alleyne c Butcher b Shastri 33
†R C Russell not out 34
Extras (lb 7, nb 6) 13
Total (5 wkts) 153

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-17, 3-46, 4-48, 5-108.

Bonus points: Glamorgan 7, Gloucestershire 4

Umpires: K E Palmer and A G T Whitehead.

Warwicks v Worcs

EDGBASTON *(final day of four): Warwickshire (20pts) beat Worcestershire (5) by four wickets*

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 166 (T M Moody 51; T M Munton 7 for 59)

Second Innings 170 (T S Curtis 77)

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 126 (I T Botham 4 for 50)

Second Innings

A J Moles c Rhodes b Newport 56
J D Ratcliffe c and b Tolley 25
Asif Din lbw b Radford 23
*T A Lloyd c Illingworth b Newport 13
D P Ostler b Newport 41
D A Reeve st Rhodes b Illingworth 29
†P C L Holloway not out 7
G C Small not out 4
Extras (b 1, lb 13, nb 2) 16
Total (6 wkts) 214

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-106, 3-112, 4-127, 5-197, 6-203.

BOWLING: Radford 20-4-54-1; Newport 19-1-51-3; Botham 27-8-52-0; Illingworth 9-4-22-1; Tolley 7-2-21-1

Umpires: R Julian and P B Wight.

Tour Match

West Indies XI v Rest of the World XI

SCARBOROUGH *(final day of three): West Indies XI drew with Rest of the World XI*

WEST INDIES XI: First Innings 423 for 6 dec (C L Hooper 184 not out, C Lambert 80, R A Harper 83 not out)

Second Innings

P V Simmons c sub b Kapil Dev 22
C Lambert c Morrison b Kapil Dev 19
R B Richardson c Wasson b Maninder 96
R Staples c Kapil Dev b Wasson 58
†D A Williams c Sleep b Wasson 19
B C Lara st Sleep b Maninder 1
*A J Wright not out 47
C W J Athey lbw b Dale 0
M W Alleyne c Butcher b Shastri 33
†R C Russell not out 34
Extras (lb 7, nb 6) 13
Total (5 wkts) 153

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-17, 3-46, 4-48, 5-108.

Bonus points: Glamorgan 7, Gloucestershire 4

Umpires: K E Palmer and A G T Whitehead.

REST OF THE WORLD XI: First Innings 375 (Javed Miandad 88, S R Tendulkar 81, W W Davis 54 not out; C L Hooper 5 for 94)

Second Innings

†S D Manjrekar not out 154
A S Wasson c sub b Simmons 10
S R Tendulkar c Richardson b Simmons 14
Javed Miandad c sub b Lambert 22
P R Sleep c Greenidge b Lambert 13
Madan Lal c Richardson b Greenidge 16
Kapil Dev not out 5
Extras (b 7, lb 7, w 2, nb 5) 21
Total (5 wkts) 255

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-89, 3-145, 4-169, 5-250.

BOWLING: Simmons 13-4-39-2; Staples 8-1-56-0; Hooper 15-2-47-0; Lambert 10-2-33-2; Lara 9-0-23-0; Richardson 5-0-36-0, Greenidge 2-0-7-1.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and D O Oslear.

Bull Under-19 Match

England Under-19 v Australia Under-19

CHELMSFORD *(final day of four): England beat Australia by four wickets*

AUSTRALIA UNDER-19: First Innings 375 for 7 dec (G Blewitt 184, A Gilchrist 106, M Broadhurst 4 for 65)

Second Innings 338 for 3 dec (D Martyn 181 not out, K Roberts 65. BOWLING: Broadhurst 14-2-74-0; Welch 15-3-48-1; Bainbridge 48-17-87-0; Pearson 61-19-103-2.

ENGLAND UNDER-19: First Innings 313 (G F Smith 77, R Irani 56, G Welch 53, S Cook 4 for 75, M Kasprowicz 4 for 77;)

Second Innings

W P C Weston c Gilchrist b Godwin 45
M Loye c and b Cook 5
B F Smith b Barr 16
*J P Crawley lbw Kasprowicz 130
M Lathwell c Gilchrist b Castle 45
R Irani run out 73
G Welch not out 46
†R Rollins not out 12
Extras (b 1, lb 13, w 4, nb 14) 32
Total (6 wkts) 404

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-55, 3-89, 4-187, 5-321, 6-373.

BOWLING: Kasprowicz 25-3-94-1; Cook 13-2-55-1; Barr 20-3-5-71-1; Godwin 16-3-68-1 Castle 24-4-66-1; Blewett 3-0-14-0.

Umpires: D J Constant and B J Meyer

Club Final

LORD'S: Teddington 217-8 (45 overs) (S L Munday 57, A J T Miller 50, J Mayer 4 for 32); Walsall 187 (43.4 overs) (P R Oliver 51, S L Munday 4 for 30). Teddington beat Walsall by 20 runs

WEEKEND FIXTURES

TODAY

Britannic Assurance county championship

11.00

ABERGAVENNY: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire.

SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Somerset.

CANTERBURY: Kent v Middlesex.

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire.

LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Derbyshire.

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Yorkshire.

Tetley four-counties festival

One day

SCARBOROUGH: Durham v Essex.

NATIONAL VILLAGE CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: Harome v St Fagans (Lord's, 11.0, 40 overs)

TOMORROW

Refuge Assurance Cup Semi-finals

1.05, 40 overs

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Northamptonshire.

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamnire v Worcestershire.

Tetley four-counties festival

One day

SCARBOROUGH: Derbyshire v Yorkshire.

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FOOTBALL

Ferguson is happy to have Webb to call on

By LOUISE TAYLOR

IN TERMS of money, supporters, facilities and tradition Manchester United and Leeds United, who meet at Old Trafford today, have long been among the greatest clubs in the land. But the championship trophy has proved an elusive quarry.

Expectations are usually high in Manchester and West Yorkshire, but rarely more so than this season when most supporters, and more importantly, the respective managers, feel that they have teams capable of making a sustained challenge for Arsenal's title.

Winning the European Cup last spring has conferred credibility on Manchester United while, after spending millions of pounds on Steve Hodge, Tony Dorigo, and Rodney Wallace, Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, believes that he has bought himself room at the top table.

Optimism has been fuelled further by the stuttering starts made by Arsenal and Liverpool, while a midweek win for Alex Ferguson's team against Oldham Athletic, and the conclusive 4-0 truimph enjoyed by Leeds at Southampton, can only have served to increase expectations.

In the long run, much may depend on the morale of those players who have been squeezed out of the first team by new arrivals.

They would do well to take heart from the example of Neil Webb who has come back strongly from reserve team football and the aftermath of an Achilles tendon injury which cost him his place in the England midfield.

He looked overweight and seemed to have lost his pace. But a summer of intensive training has changed all that, and Webb, who was brought back into the team because of an injury to Paul Ince, retains his position for today's game.

No one will be more delighted than Ferguson if Webb's form makes it impossible to drop him. "If every player was to adopt the same attitude as Neil then I would not face many problems, " he said. "However, I will have a big problem, a real headache, when everyone is fit and available.

"I just want to come out of the first ten games or so in one of the top three positions. That will give us a real footing when the chips are down. My team really does well against better sides."

Unkindly likened to a "lamppost on stilts" during his time at Arsenal, Niall Quinn has developed into one of the most feared centre forwards in the country since moving to Manchester City.

He is determined that a midweek operation for a tooth abscess will not prvent him from returning to the unbeaten City team at Highbury today.

Arsenal, who have already lost twice, are looking surprisingly vulnerable at the back. However, George Graham, the Arsenal manager, remained unruffled.

"My defenders are as good as any in the country, but we have been making individual errors and falling below our standard," he said. "When that happens we go back to basics just like a top golfer does when he is having a bad time."

A Moores at Anfield

NOEL White has been replaced as the chairman of Liverpool Football Club just 15 months after succeeding Sir John Smith.

The new chairman is David Moores, a lifelong supporter of the Merseyside club and the son of the late Cecil Moores who co-founded the Littlewoods organisation with his brother, Sir John Moores.

Moores, Liverpool's principal shareholder and a board member for the past 18 months, was unanimously elected at the annual meeting of the club on Thursday night after his nomination went unopposed.

"There was no opposition," Peter Robinson, the Liverpool chief executive, said. "As a young man and principle shareholder we feel that he will give this club great stability in the years ahead."

Moores, aged 45, admitted that his appointment had come as something of a surprise. "I had hoped for this in time but as a supporter I was not going to say no," he said. "It is an especially exciting time."

The last piece in Bari's jigsaw

From CLIVE WHITE IN BARI

FAILURE is not a word that figures in David Platt's English vocabulary, let alone in his hastily acquired Italian one, which is just as well for Bari, who are backing their judgment to the tune of £5.5 million (and another £8 million besides) in the belief that he can lead them from obscurity to domestic and European glory.

Just how effective is the power of Platt's positive thought we will know more of tomorrow when the world's second most expensive player makes his Italian League debut at home to Torino.

The players will always tell you that transfer fees are of no concern of theirs but never has so much appeared to weigh so lightly upon such young, narrow shoulders as it does with Platt. There was an almost unnatural nervelessness about him as he approached the big day this week. Such immunes to nerves has served him faithfully throughout his career and been responsible for such an easy baptism at the international level which brought him to the attention of a wider public in last year's World Cup Finals in Italy.

Anyone made of less sterner stuff might have cracked after having a penalty kick saved, as Platt did in his first competitive game for Bari last week in the goalless Italian Cup draw with Empoli. But Platt is admirably philosophical about such things. "I'll take them again and I'll miss them again and I'll score them again," he said.

True to his word he promptly converted one in Bari's 2-1 win against Ascoli on Wednesday in a second round tie.

Striding for perfection: the language may be no barrier if Platt stays on the ball

Such level-headedness spills over into the way he has approached his new life off the field in Italy. Patriotic as he is, Platt wants to submerge himself completely in the culture. A love of Italian food and clothes when he was back in England, he reckoned, had given him a head start, as did his Italian lessons. Talking Italian is important to him.

"I've been surprised how quickly I've picked it up. I can just about make myself understood but I would like to understand first-hand some of the dressing-room jokes which lose something in translation." He takes pride from progressing with his Italian to the point where he now shouts "*uomo*" and "*solo*" (which roughly translates in footballese to "man on" and "on your own".

A three-year contract worth a mind-boggling £4 million had enabled Platt to indulge himself all the more in the off-field strips of Armani, Valentino and Ginochetti at what he can now afford to consider bargain prices. "A designer linen shirt I used to pay £240 for back home is only £140 here. I'm a glutton for clothes."

Platt's parents have been with him for most of the three weeks he has spent in Bari so there is less reason for homesickness. But there is nothing, Platt insists, about England which he misses.

To observe Platt in his new surroundings is to understand better his reasons for joining such an unfashionable club as Bari when Marseilles also beckoned. The pressure is bound to be less intense alongside the Adriatic where he may have more time to prove his worth.

But why did he accept Bari after rejecting their initial overtures. The answer was the gentle persuasion of Vincenzo Matarrese, the Bari president, who made him an offer he could not refuse — *20 times*.

"It wasn't a case of saying, 'Here, have some more money', but of proving to me they were ambitious. I was told that I would be the first piece in the jigsaw. I preferred to be the last piece. Every time they signed a new player [seven in all] they would fax my agent with the news. There was also something that Matarrese said which stuck in my mind: 'It's much better to conquer'."

One would have thought that one look at Bari's spacage 60,000-seater San Nicola stadium would have convinced any player that his future lay within. Matarrese, whose construction company erected the stadium, is building his dreams around Platt but in a manner, he hopes, befitting a great club. He sees Platt as an ambassador as well as a captain and believes he can do for Bari what Maradona did for Napoli but presumably without the aftermath which sullied that particular player's reputation.

TENNIS

Capriati enjoys easy passage to fourth round

From ANDREW LONGMORE TENNIS CORRESPONDENT NEW YORK

JENNIFER Capriati was one of the early birds through to the fourth round of the US Open yesterday. The American, aged 15, was involved in a car chase earlier in the week on the way to the National Tennis Centre, but her progress so far has not been half as exciting.

Yesterday she was barely ruffled in a 6-1, 6-4 win over Patricia Hy. "It was nothing," she said, which could have been a reference to the match as well as her recent adventure on the streets of New York.

Danny Sapsford enhanced his own growing reputation as a streetfighter, too. Encouraged by a group of 200 spectators still seeking an outlet for their emotions after a disappointingly one-sided win by Jimmy Connors over Michiel Schapers on the main court, the British No. 3 produced a doughty, but ultimately unrewarding, comeback against Todd Martin next door.

Most of the crowd went home, however, wondering if Connors would celebrate his 39th birthday on Monday in the fourth round of his 21st US Open. To do so, he will need to beat Karel Novacek, the No. 10 seed, who only won his first match in four years here earlier this week, and needed five sets to dispose of Nuno Marques. A quarter-final between Becker and Connors is not out of the question.

Sapsford, the last British player in the men's singles after Andrew Castle's straight-sets defeat by Emilio Sánchez, took a set to come to terms with the conditions in his first match under floodlights, another to get the measure of Martin's heavy service and forehand, and then dug his black plimsolls in to level after nearly three hours.

The most potent weapon in his armoury was the lob which, as the American is 6ft 6ins tall, was a tribute to his touch and his courage. Only when Sapsford tired did Martin regain his composure to win 6-2, 6-3, 3-6, 4-6, 6-2. Still, Sapsford can bank $10,000, the biggest singles paycheque of his career, but a pittance compared to the sums which will be heaped onto the top players by the Association of Tennis Professionals.

Under a new contract introduced for next year, the eight players who qualify for the ATP finals in November will be eligible for bonnses, based on a sliding scale for fulfilling their commitment to the tour. The No. 1, for example, would receive an extra $1.5 million for playing eight out of the nine championship series events. A third of the bonus would be lost for every tournament missed.

The new contracts, in effect, replace the old bonus pool system and the cost is being underwritten by the International Management Group. What was it Connors said about the reason for playing so long? "This beautiful little thing called money."

RESULTS FROM FLUSHING MEADOWS

US unless stated; seeded players in capitals

Men's singles

SECOND ROUND: C-U Steeb (Ger) bt G Stafford (SA), 6-0, 7-6, 6-1; D WHEATON bt H Skoff (Austria), 6-1, 6-2, 6-2; B BECKER (Ger) bt A Volkov (USSR), 6-0, 7-6, 6-1; E SANCHEZ (Sp) bt A Castle (GB), 6-3, 6-2 6-2; P SAMPRAS bt W Ferreira (SA), 6-1, 6-2, 2-2 ret; A Krickstein bt J Yzaga (Peru), 6-1, 3-6, 6-1, 3-2 ret; A Jarryd (Swe) bt T Champion (Fr), 7-5, 6-2, 1-1 ret; W Masur (Aus) bt M Joyce, 6-4, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; S Simian (Fr) bt K Curren, 6-3, 6-7, 7-6, 6-4; P Haarhuis (Neth) bt A Chesnokov (USSR), 6-1, 4-6, 6-2, 7-6; K NOVACEK (Cz) bt N Marques (Por), 6-7, 7-6, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; J Connors bt M Schapers (Neth), 6-2, 6-3, 6-2; T Martin bt D Sapsford (GB), 6-2, 6-3, 3-6, 4-6, 6-2.

Men's doubles

FIRST ROUND: J Siemerink (Neth) and C van Rensburg (SA), bt M Bahrami (Fr) and R Gilbert (Fr), 7-5, 6-2; T WOODBRIDGE (Aus) and M WOODFORDE Australia bt G Layendecker and R Reneberg, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2; C Beckman and S Salumaa bt J Grabb and A Kratzmann (Aus), 6-3, 6-4; M STICH and U RIGLEWSKI (Ger) bt B Garnett and R Van't Hof, 6-4, 6-2; J McEnroe and P McEnroe bt R Acioly and M Menezes (Br), 6-3, 6-2; O CAMPORESE (It) and G IVANISEVIC (Yug) bt V Flegl and D Vacek (Cz), 6-4, 7-6; A Gómez (Ec) and E Sánchez (Sp) bt N Broad and S Kruger (SA), 6-4, 7-6; L Mattar and J Oncins (Br) bt S Bruguera and T Carbonell (Sp), 6-2, 6-4; P GALBRAITH and T WITSKEN bt F Clavet (Sp) and D Nargiso (It), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; L Pimek (Cz) and P Wekesa (Kenya) bt W MASUR and J STOLTENBERG (Aus), 6-4, 2-6, 7-6; T Nelson and M Washington bt O Jonsson (Swe) and A Mora (Ven), 6-4, 6-4; P Korda and K Novacek (Cz) bt R Fromberg (Aus) and J Sánchez (Sp), 6-4, 6-4.

Women's singles

SECOND ROUND: M NAVRATILOVA bt D Graham, 6-1, 6-4; M MALEEVA-FRAGNIÈRE (Switz) bt A Strnadova (Cz), 7-5, 6-2; Z GARRISON bt S Cecchini (It), 6-1, 6-1; K Po bt A Smith, 6-2, 6-4; M Pierce (Fr) bt L McNeil, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6; P Shriver bt M Maleeva (Bul), 6-7, 6-1, 6-2; N ZVEREVA (USSR) bt A Huber (Ger), 6-2, 6-4; N Herreman (Fr) bt E Brioukhovets (Cz), 3-6, 7-6, 7-6; B Rittner (Ger) bt J Halard (Fr), 6-2, 6-0, F Labat (Arg) bt A Frazier, 2-6, 7-5, 6-2; J Wiesner (Austria) bt S Stafford, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4; A SANCHEZ VICARIO (Sp) bt K Godridge (Aus), 6-1, 6-1.

THIRD ROUND: J CAPRIATI (US) bt P Hy (Can), 6-1, 6-4.

Women's doubles

FIRST ROUND: L MESKHI (USSR) and M PAZ (Arg) bt C Cunningham and L Gildemeister (Peru), 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; Y Basuki (Indo) and J Durie (GB) bt G Coorengel (Neth) and A Van Buuren (Neth), 6-2, 6-1; S COLLINS and R McQUILLAN (Aus) bt B Cordwell (NZ) and C Lindqvist (Swe), 6-4, 6-3; K ADAMS and M BOLLEGRAF (Neth) bt I Jankovska (Cz) and E Melicharova (Cz), 6-1, 6-4; J-A Fault (Aus) and M Jaggard (Aus) bt P Louie Harper and A May, 6-2, 7-5; H Kelesi (Can) and C Vis (Neth) bt L Field (Aus) and M Strandlund (Swe), 1-6, 6-1, 6-2; S Appelmans (Bel) and C Benjamin bt J HETHERINGTON (Can) and K RINALDI, 6-4, 7-6; L MESKHI (USSR) and M PAZ (Arg) bt C Cunningham and L Gildemeister (Peru), 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; Y Basuki (Indo) and J Durie (GB) bt G Coorengel and A van Buuren (Neth), 6-2, 6-1; S Collins and R McQuillan (Aus) bt B Cordwell (NZ) and C Lindqvist (Swe), 6-4, 6-3; J NOVOTNA (Cz) and L SAVCHENKO (USSR) bt B Fulco (Arg) and N Jagerman (Neth), 0-6, 7-6, 6-4; G FERNANDEZ and M NAVRATILOVA bt R Rajchrtova and A Strnadova (Cz), 6-2, 6-4; M FERNANDEZ and Z GARRISON bt N Miyagi (Japan) and B Somerville, 6-2, 6-0; R FAIRBANK-NIDEFFER and C KOHDE-KILSCH (Fr) bt E Brioukhovets (USSR) and K Maleeva (Bul), 7-5, 6-3; K Kschwendt (Lux) and B Schultz (Neth) bt S Cecchini (It) and P Tarabini (Arg), 7-6, 6-1; G MAGERS and R WHITE bt E Burgin and A Tamesvari (Hung), 6-1, 6-3.

Mixed doubles

FIRST ROUND: P FENDICK and M WOODFORDE (Aus) bt R Jensen and L Jensen, 6-3, 6-4; N PROVIS and T WOODBRIDGE (Aus) bt P Shriver and M Kratzmann (Aus), 3-6, 6-2, 6-3; M Bollegraf and T Nijssen (Neth) bt L Gregory (SA) and K Kinnear, 6-4, 6-2; K Adams and S Cannon bt L McNeil and B Shelton, 7-6, 4-6, 7-6; H Sukova and C Suk (Cz) bt N ZVEREVA (USSR) and J Pugh, 6-1, 6-4; J Durie (GB) and L Warder (Aus) bt A Smith and K Jones, 6-3, 7-6; R Fairbank-Nideffer and S Melville bt D Graham and J Palmer, 6-3, 6-3.

First division club-by-club guide

First division

Arsenal v Man City

Niall Quinn is desperately hoping to recover from a tooth abcess in time to lead the City attack against his former club. If, as is likely, he plays, the job of containing football's version of a lamp post on stilts will fall to the unsettled Andy Linighan, deputising for the still injured Steve Bould. While City have dropped just two points to date, Arsenal, for whom Michael Thomas and Anders Limpar retain their places, are after only their second win.

Chelsea v Luton

The first appearance of Vinny Jones — who yesterday pledged to make Chelsea the most "hated and feared team in the country" — in the midfield following his £575,000 transfer from Sheffield United on Thursday may come as a culture shock to those regulars who can recall the days when Alan Hudson strutted his stuff at the Bridge. After twice rising off the bench to score as a substitute, Joe Allon, late of Hartlepool, may be included from the start, but, with Bassant and Hitchcock carrying injuries, Freestone should earn a rare chance in goal. Luton must pick themselves up off the foot of the table.

Coventry v Wimbledon

Acquired from Enfield for £100,000 during the summer, Paul Furlong, who scored once and created two other goals in Coventry's midweek win against Sheffield United could be one to watch. Wimbledon are likely to be without the attacking might of John Fashanu, who was carried off against Crystal Palace on Tuesday. Cork and Clarke are expected to provide the visiting spearhead.

Crystal Palace v Sheff Utd

With two arch exponents of the percentage game on view, purists would be well advised to steer clear of Selhurst Park. Bob Booker will wear the captain's armband for United following the departure of Vinny Jones for Chelsea on Thursday. Shaw has recovered from concussion and will be re-instated in the Palace rearguard.

Liverpool v Everton

Still without eight regular first teamers including John Barnes and Mark Wright, Liverpool are reinforced by the return to fitness of Gary Ablett and Ronnie Whelan. Everton, too, have injury troubles, and Kevin Ratcliffe remains a doubtful starter, but Keown and the exciting Warzycha could start. Peter Beardsley, now with Everton, will relish this early opportunity to face his former club.

Man Utd v Leeds

Steve Hodge left Nottingham Forest because he was no longer guaranteed first team football, but the England midfield player is still awaiting his first full game for Leeds, and will again start on the bench unless McAllister fails a fitness test. With Fairclough sidelined by a knee injury, Wetherall, a student at Sheffield University, is expected to make his debut, and could be required to mark Mark Hughes. Neil Webb retains his place in an unaltered Manchester line-up.

Norwich v Tottenham

With both managers committed to their passing principles, this match promises to be more about entertainment then elbow grease. Still unbeaten, Norwich keep faith with the side that restricted Manchester City to a goalless draw in midweek, when Tottenham gained a repeat of their FA Cup final victory over Nottingham Forest. In the aftermath of that success at the City Ground, Ian Walker, Tottenham's teenage goalkeeper, could be preferred to Thorstvedt.

Nott'm Forest v Oldham

David Currie did not turn out to be one of Brian Clough's better buys, and, after last year's £250,000 move north, he has struggled to make an impact at Oldham. However, Currie is poised to deputise for the injured Ian Marshall in what should prove a pretty passing game. Forest retain the side which lost 3-1 to Tottenham in midweek, when Stuart Pearce was sent off.

Sheff Wed v QPR

Although Trevor Francis, formerly the controversial manager of Queen's Park Rangers who is now in charge of Wednesday, discounted the idea that this will be a grudge match, it is one he would dearly love to win. Andy Sinton, the subject of a rejected £1 million offer from Wednesday yesterday, has dropped out of the QPR squad because of illness. Francis includes himself in the Wednesday party.

Southampton v Aston Villa

Consistency is the quality which these sides have found elusive. Two porous defences — Southampton lost heavily at home to Leeds in midweek, while Villa went down at West Ham — help explain the problem, but, on their day, both can prove impressible going forward. David Lee, the winger signed from Bury last week, should make his debut for Southampton. Kubicki, a Polish defender could do likewise for Villa, who hope to welcome Dalian Atkinson and Staunton back after injury.

West Ham v Notts County

Both promoted this spring, these are teams with everything to prove. The return of Chris Hughton in defence after injury could help lessen West Ham's reliance on the heroics of Ludek Miklosko in goal, but the full-backs will need to be on their guard against the pace of Tommy Johnson.

Caesar agrees move to Bristol City

GUS Caesar, the former Arsenal defender, now of Cambridge United, has signed for Bristol City until the end of the season. Caesar has not played a first team game since his free transfer signing in the summer. He opted for Cambridge after talks with third division Preston.

Stewart Robson has been appointed club captain at Coventry City in succession to Trevor Peake who was transferred to Luton Town last week.

Southampton completed the signing of forward, Iain Dowie, for £500,000 from West Ham yesterday and immediately put two players on the transfer list: Alan McLoughlin, Southampton's first and only £1 million signing, and the forward Paul Rideout.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Betts aims to fill the Hanley void

By KEITH MACKLIN

THE opening day of the Stones Bitter championship today, the first under the three-division system, is remarkable for the number of leading players who will be missing.

Barring unexpected overnight developments, Ellery Hanley will not be in the Leeds team at Widnes, nor in the Wigan side at Castleford. Jonathan Davies and Martin Offiah, who have just returned from Australia, are also unlikely to make the Widnes line-up.

Davies is said to be exhausted after two games for Canterbury-Bankstown, followed by the long flight, and Offiah, who is nursing an injury, is known to be anxious to leave Widnes. John Gallagher, the former New Zealand rugby union full back, has not been selected by the new Leeds coach, Doug Laughton, who prefers Phil Ford. It was an error by Gallagher which led to Leeds being dismissed from the premiership by Hull last season.

Wigan travel to Castleford to meet a side which has sights on the championship after years of unfulfilled promise. The Yorkshiremen will no doubt be happy that Hanley will not be in the Wigan ranks, since he was their principal tormentor when the Central Park side swept them out of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup last season. Also unavailable for Wigan is Andy Goodway, named as Hanley's deputy, who will be out for two months with a broken arm, and their latest forward signing, Billy McGinty, bought from Warrington, who is also injured.

Wigan comfortably disposed of Hull in an uninspiring CIS Charity Shield game at Gateshead, and it will be interesting to see how the champions and Challenge Cup holders shape up. Denis Betts, their outstanding forward last season, takes the No. 13 shirt and will hope to ensure that Hanley is not missed.

The match between Widnes and Leeds is difficult to predict. Widnes lost unexpectedly to the second-division club, Workington Town, in the preliminary round of the Lancashire Cup last week and, in addition to the absence of Davies and Offiah, they will be without the suspended front row forward, Joe Grima.

In the eight-team second division, the favourites for promotion are Sheffield Eagles and Oldham, both anxious for a quick return to the first division, and Workington, who take on London Crusaders, formerly Fulham.

The new third division features the arrival of Scarborough Pirates. They started well with a Yorkshire Cup win at Doncaster last week, and today they are at home to Huddersfield. The attendance at McCain Stadium will be watched as closely as the result.

Hanley: unlikely starter

SPORT IN BRIEF

Jackman in final

CASSANDRA Jackman, aged 18, the world junior squash rackets champion, from Norfolk, beat the world No. 3, Robyn Lambourne, of Australia, 15-7, 15-7, 15-11, in 32 minutes to reach today's final of the Malaysian Open in Kuala Lumpur. It is the first time Jackman has reached a significant final. She plays Michelle Martin, the world No. 7.

Jansher Khan, chasing his second title in a week, meets the Australian, Brett Martin, in the men's final. He won the Singapore Open last week.

☐ Sir Michard Edwardes, former head of British Leyland, Dunlop and Minorco and presently chairman of Charter Consolidated plc, is to succeed Ann Jackson as as president of the Squash Rackets Association.

ATHLETICS: Tom Petranoff, the American javelin thrower suspended since 1988 for violating the ban on sporting contacts with South Africa, has been granted South African citizenship. An 86-metre thrower last season, Petranoff will be available for the African Unity Games taking place in Senegal and at Johannesburg in October. The 33-year-old javelin thrower has been living in South Africa since 1988 when he and a group of US athletes were given a six-year suspension after participating in athletics meetings in the republic.

WEIGHTLIFTING: Gary and Suzanne Brooker, Berkshire husband and wife, both won titles at the world all-round championships in the United States. Suzanne broke seven world records in the 50kg class as she totalled 796kg and Gary took the 90kg class with a total of 1,609kg.

FOOTBALL: Two wine producers in the central Italian city of Pesaro will award 700 bottles of wine to the scorer of the first goal when the Italian league begins tomorrow.

WATER SKIING: Neels Smith, of South Africa, took an early lead ahead of his team colleague, Greg McEwan, after the first round of the men's slalom at the European barefoot championships in Thurrock, Essex.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati Reds 5, Montreal Expos 4; Atlanta Braves 2, New York Mets 0; San Diego Padres 1, St Louis Cardinals 0; Houston Astros 5, Philadelphia Phillies 1; Chicago Cubs 5, San Francisco Giants 4; Pittsburgh Pirates 4, Los Angeles Dodgers 1. AMERICAN LEAGUE: Toronto Blue Jays 8, New York Yankees 2; Chicago White Sox 7, Cleveland Indians 2.

BOWLS

SKEGNESS: English Bowling Federation national championships: Men: Two-bowl singles: Semi-finals: I Worrall (North Walsham, Norfolk) bt S Bottom (HMF, Essex), 21-19; G Shepperson (Shirland, Derbys) bt S Sheppard (Clipstone, Notts), 21-16. Four-bowl singles: Semi-finals: J Summons (Kessingland, Suffolk) bt J Geraghty (Somerstown Town, Hunts), 21-18; P Hogg (Thornaby, Cleveland) bt A Horton (South Ward, Northants), 21-10. Under-25 singles: Semi-finals: P Andrew (CMB, North Cambs) bt D Rutter (Seaham Park, Durham), 21-18; G Shepperson (Shirland, Derbys) bt I Clark (Spilsby, Lincs), 21-15. Veterans singles: Semi-finals: R Dancer (Enterprise, Derbys) bt W Shippey (Bramble Lane, North Cambs), 21-18; J Bailey (Hemingfords, Hunts) bt J Sharpe (Boots Athletic, Notts), 21-14. Pairs: Semi-finals: B Solari and D Morris (Blossom Way, Humberside) bt N Rowe and R Hickling (Appleby-Frodingham, Lincs), 20-12; R Curry and P Storey (Glen Park, Durham) bt S Morgan and I Dixon (Thornaby, Cleveland), 21-10. Two-bowl rinks: Semi-finals: Kessingland (J Summons) bt Haverhill Town, Essex (K Hawker), 30-4; Shirland, Derbyshire (G Shepperson) bt West End, Cleveland (K Lamb), 21-13. Final: Kessingland bt Shirland Miners Welfare, 20-19. Three-bowl rinks: Semi-finals: Stemphillows (North Suffolk (I Mallet) bt Elm Tree, Cleveland (K Pike), 19-14; Felixkirkham, Norfolk (D Frost) bt Whittlesey Manor, Northants (P Bautzler), 19-9. Women: Two-bowl singles: Semi-finals: P Oliver (Park Ladies, Derbys) bt M Coles (Walkringfield, Suffolk), 21-19; J Crossil (Newsham, Notts) bt B Warters (Peterborough and District), 21-13. Four-bowl singles: Semi-finals: M Emmonds (Seaton Delaval and Newsham, Northumberland) bt J Moore (Risbygate, Suffolk), 21-8; M Judson (Eldon Grove, Cleveland) bt M Betts (Woolpack, North Cambs), 21-10. Under-25 singles: Semi-finals: L Whitehead (Poringland Swan, Norfolk) bt T Parkin (Spalding Ayscoughfee, Lincs), 21-7; D Turner (Grigg Town, Humberside) bt G Gladwell (Buckingham, Suffolk), 21-14. Over-60 singles: Semi-finals: F Graham (South Shield West End, Durham) bt J Webb (Haverhill Town, Essex), 21-14; J Haynes (Peterborough and District) bt B Daw (Albert Victor, Norfolk), 21-11. Pairs: Semi-finals: E Bird and A Glover (Sherwood, Notts) bt S Moore and A Sallows (Wrentham, Suffolk), 20-8; M Fisher and M Mancheit (Warboys White Hart, Hunts) bt D Dicker and K Hadleon (Melbourne, Humberside), 22-18. Two-bowl rinks: Semi-finals: Duneton Durham (M Gilhotna) bt Woolpack (North Cambs (C Quinney), 23-14; Wittering Northants (B Warters) bt Worksop Parks, Derbyshire (Y Guy), 20-10. Three-bowl rinks: Semi-finals: Blossom Way, Humberside (S Jefferson) bt Agle St Edmunds, Norfolk (R Bush), 20-18; Long Eaton Silver Band, Derbys (B Morley) bt Warboys White Hart, Hunts (M Manchett), 21-14. Mixed pairs: Semi-finals: T Lee and J Hill (Somercotes Recreation, Derbys) bt E Neabitt and F Gelansky (Smiths Dock, Cleveland), 18-11; P Hood and D Frost (Felixkirkham, Norfolk) bt D and T Wilson (Cleethorpes, Lincs), 19-10. Final: Lee and Hill bt Hood and Frost, 22-20. Mixed rinks: Semi-finals: Burton Park, Humberside (J Burnham) bt CMB North Cambs (T Perfect), 25-18; Lincoln Railway (N Bowden) bt Smiths Dock, Cleveland (T Addison), 23-18.

SPEEDWAY

SUNBRITE LEAGUE: First division challenge: Ipswich 47, Belle Vue 43. Second division: Middlesbrough 50, Long Eaton 40.

CRICKET

HOLT CUP: Final (Lord's): Devon 239-8 (55 overs) (A J Pugh 59, N A Pallard 57); Staffordshire 241-6 (54.5 overs) (D A Banks 68 not out). Staffordshire won by 4 wickets.
RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Bristol: Gloucestershire 155 (L Tennant 4-68) and 366 (A J Hunt 137, R C Williams 66, L Tennant 5-141); Surrey 462 (J D Robinson 135, A D Brown 93, C K Bullen 82, N M Kendrick 62 not out; M J Gerrard 4-73) and 65-1. Surrey won by 9 wkts. Leamington Spa: Derbyshire 210 and 208 (Iqbal Ahmed 75, C Hawkes 7-66); Leicestershire 223 and 141-8 (I Folley 5-41). Match drawn. Taunton: Lancashire 241 (J I Kerr 55, A C Cotton 4-98, A R Caddick 4-60) and 82 (Caddick 9-27); Somerset 250-7 dec (R J Turner 72 not out, K Bagshaw 50) and 44-2. Scorecard: won by 8 wickets. Bournemouth: Hampshire 211 and 286-6 dec (R S M Morris 97 not out, J R Wood 51); Essex 207 and 110 (D P J Flint 5-46, S D Udal 4-30). Hampshire won by 180 runs. Worcester: Warwickshire 363-8 dec and 224-5 dec (N M K Smith 121 not out, M Burns 62); Worcestershire 293 and 223. Warwickshire won by 66 runs. Headingley: Middlesex 209 (P A Grayson 4-46) and 219 (P J Berry 4-85, Grayson 4-85); Yorkshire 431-8 (C S Pickles 108 not out, C White 72, C Chapman 70, S Bethel 63; J Whittington 7-114). Yorkshire won by an innings and 4 runs.
B.U.L. UNDER-17 INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Second day: Zimbabwe Under-17 309 and 29-3; England Under-17 345-9 dec (at Oundle School).

EQUESTRIANISM

PERTHSHIRE: L and C Blair Castle international horse trials (after second day of dressage): 1, Penny's Verdict (M McFarlane), 35.4pts; 2, Samuel Whiskers (T Dillon), 36.8; 3, Kiloh Medallion (J Gibson), 39.9.

FOOTBALL

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa 2, Sheff Wednesday 1; Newcastle 1, Nottingham Forest 4; West Bromwich Albion 1, Rotherham 2. Second division: Leicester City 1, Derby County 1; Mansfield 1, Oldham Athletic 0; Preston North End 0, Middlesbrough 1.
CZECHOSLOVAK LEAGUE: Bohemians Prague 0, Dukla Prague 2.

GLIDING

BIDFORD ON AVON, Warwickshire: UK Junior Class Championships: Fifth day: 1, S Jones (Dacus), 61.7kph, 1,000pts; 2, M Miller-Smith (Discus), 61.5 kph, 998; 3, K Hodgson (SZD 55), 61.4kph, 995; 4, D Masson (DG101 club), 59.4kph, 970. Overall: 1, S Jones, 4,038pts; 2, Miller-Smith, 3,803; 3, S Housden (LS8-17), 3,262; 4, P Crooks (Kestrel 19), 3,239.

GOLF

FUKUOKA, Japan: KBC Augusta Open tournament: Second round (Japan unless stated): 139: B Franklin (Canada), 68, 67; R Floyd (US), 68, 69. 138: D Forsman (US), 70, 68; F Minoza (Phil), 68, 70. 137: S Fujita, 69, 68; G Marsh (Aus), 68, 69. 139: I Aoki, 70, 69. 140: T Nishikawa, 71, 69; A Omachi, 70, 70. British score: 142: P Hoad, 74, 71.

SQUASH RACKETS

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian Open championships: Men: Semi-finals: B Martin (Aus) bt T Nancarrow (Aus), 15-9, 15-6, 15-7; Jansher Khan (Pak) bt R Eyles (Aus), 15-4, 15-10, 15-4. Women: Semi-finals: C Jackman (Eng) bt R Lambourne (Aus), 15-7, 15-7, 15-11; M Martin (Aus) bt D Drady (Aus), 12-15, 14-17, 15-11, 15-12, 15-13.

SNOOKER

STOKE: Regal Welsh Open qualifying tournament: Second round (England unless stated): D Taylor bt K Payne, 5-1; J Mehta bt T Murphy (N Ire), 5-2; A Harris bt J Whitaker, 5-3; P McPhillips (Scot) bt R Bales, 5-1; E Henderson (Scot) bt J O'Boye, 5-2; D Henry (Scot) bt J Grech (Malta), 5-3; B Harris bt N Foulds, 5-3; A Hamilton bt S Campbell, 5-0; B Rowswell bt G MacDonald, 5-1; B Pinches bt A Higgins (N Ire), 5-1; K Owens bt D Clarke, 5-2; B Oliver bt R Leighton, 5-2; N Terry bt J Ferguson, 5-1; D Gilbert bt T Kearney (Ire), 5-2; J Woodman bt P Browne (Ire), 5-3.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Pistol team match: Centre fire: 1, Army, 2,271 (P Hawkes 578); 2, Ancient Brits, 2,265 (J Gough 570). Standard pistol: 1, Army, 2,169 (J Calins 558); 2, Ancient Brits, 2,134 (K Stanford 547). Overall: 1, Army, 4,459; 2, Ancient Brits, 4,399.

WATER SKIING

THURROCK: European barefoot championships: First round: Women's slalom: 1, M Nutt (GB), 1,610pts; 2, A Aurell (It), 1,300; 3, J Huyghe (Bel), 720. British placings: 5, K Harding, 480. Men's jumps: 1, D Carpenter (GB), 17.1m; 2, C Jurczyk (Ger), 16.9; equal 3, M Vincenzi (It) and K Smol (Neth), 16.2. British placings: 12, R Crossland, 13.3. Men's slalom: 1, N Smith (SA), 14.25; 2, G McEwen (SA), 13.25; 3, P Hammink (Neth), 13. British placings: 7, D Nutt 11.25; 13, S Goggin 8.

YACHTING

BURNHAM WEEK: Sixth day (subject to protest): Class I: 1, Warlord IV (P J Tolhurst); 2, Wildzz Bang (K Borrough); 3 Blush (R A Stewart). Class II: 1, Senior (Mr and Mrs D Chatterton); 2, Miss Piggy (K J Curtis); 3 Exotic Bear (L G Baker). Class III: 1, Harmony 57 (P J Dyer); 2, Cheetah of Burnham (A H Crokes); 3 Impudence of Burnham (C F Webb). Class IV: 1, Scarlet of Arun (N E and S I Holland-Brown), 2, Misty (R Prior); 3 Thistle V (P O Duce). Contessa 32: 1, Red Jacket (D W Lane); 2, Annelie (P W Howard); 3 Accelerando (R F Chadney). Dragons: 1, Ariel (R K Melville); 2, Avalanche V (T G Wade); 3 Harlequin (M Hornes and T Allen).
EASTBOURNE: Mirror national championships: Final placings: 1, Waterdance (M Chadwick, L Small); 2, Reflections (J Gebhard); 3, Silent Tactics (G Wilkins, C Greenstreet); 4, Perfect Hitch (C and E Goodman); 5, Questquacat (H Foster and L Chesterg).

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Lewis has to settle for second best in a long-jump competition that brings further distinction to the world championships

Powell makes a great leap for mankind

From DAVID MILLER IN TOKYO

TOKYO 1991

THE greatest athlete of his generation yesterday had to accept second best to the most historic performance of these third world championships. Yet, the falling of Bob Beamon's 23-year-old long-jump record, the oldest individual record on the books, to Mike Powell – a record set at altitude in Mexico City when Powell was five years old and Carl Lewis was seven – embraced a breathtaking competition between the present-day rivals.

Powell's leap of 8.95 metres (29ft 4½in) was for me one of the sporting experiences of a lifetime; never mind for him. "Oh boy!" Powell said, with awe, as he entered a press interview-room jammed to the walls with several hundred writers. And then, repeatedly at intervals between questions: "I'm just happy."

He was entitled to be. At the moment of realising he had won, Powell had spontaneously embraced the jumping-board judge.

He had triumphed over the most famous of all records and over maybe the most famous of all athletes, the man of whom this achievement had been expected and long awaited. The status of Lewis, magnified by his 100 metres record five days ago, enhanced the feat of Powell.

When Beamon jumped 8.90 metres, at 2,248 metres (7,375ft) above sea level and some 57cm (22½in) longer than he had jumped before, at 10.40pm London time, I was on the late-night editorial desk of ATV, and could only goggle at the screen with millions of others.

It was no contest. Klaus Beer, of East Germany, was 71cm (28½in) behind for the silver medal. What was almost unbelievable about the sequence here yesterday, as a full house sat riveted, was that Lewis, unbeaten since February 1981 in 65 competitions – the longest winning streak in athletics – jumped the four longest jumps in history, in *any* condition, after Powell and the altitude performances of Beamon, and Robert Emmiyan, of the Soviet Union, in 1987 at Tsakhkadzor.

If Powell's jump was phenomenal, so too was the sequence of the double Olympic and double world champion. Lewis began with 8.68, then had a foul, and followed with 8.83, 8.91 (wind +2.9mps), 8.87, and 8.84. Powell, in a private agony of suspense after his spectacular fifth jump, timed the interval until Lewis stripped for his final sixth jump and setting off down the runway: a seemingly endless five-and-a-half minutes. "Deep inside, I thought Carl could jump nine metres," Powell said.

Lewis had beaten Powell by a centimetre in the national championships in New York this summer, with his last jump, 8.64 metres. When Lewis cleared 8.91 metres on his fourth attempt, though wind-assisted, everybody but Powell believed the competition must be over. Powell, the silver medal winner in Seoul, was still telling himself he would win.

Yet, on his first jump yesterday he had been so tense that going down the run-up he could hardly breathe and cleared only 7.85 metres. "Just relax," he said to himself.

"The facilities [track surface] are the best ever," Powell said. "I'm not as fast as Larry [Myricks, the 35-year-old bronze medal winner], or Carl, but if I *feel* fast I can pretend." He looked happy again. As a high school student he was a basketball player and high jumper, clearing 2.19 metres. But going to Irvine College in 1981, he switched to long jumping two years later.

Considering that ten months ago Lewis had knee surgery and was on crutches, his own performance at the age of 30 was astonishing. "Physically, I'm the best I've ever been," this athletic magician reflected. "The best mechanically, in both the 100 and the long jump. Mike had one great jump and deserved to win, but I never thought I could jump so far and lose." Imagine it: three times beyond 29ft and still defeated.

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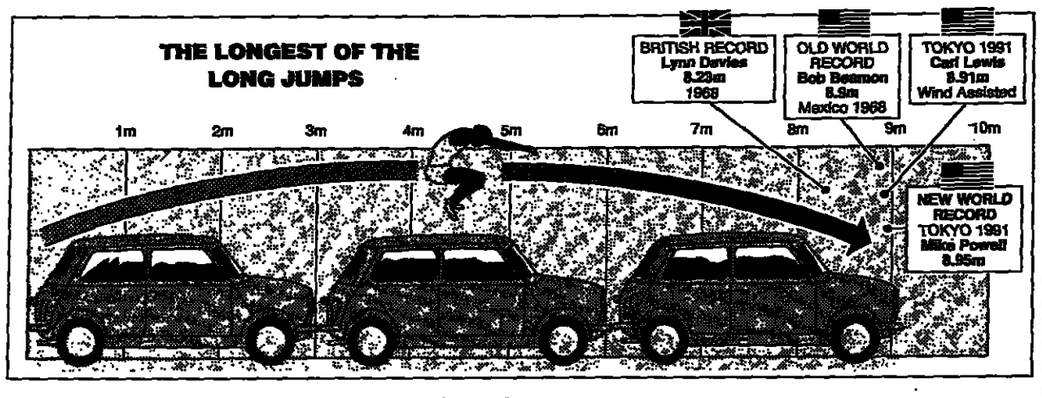

Leaping into the record books: Mike Powell, above, launches himself for the long jump gold medal and a world record at Tokyo yesterday, and, below, savours the moment on the winners' rostrum

World's best have to bow to McColgan

From DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT TOKYO

LIKE Fatima Whitbread four years ago, Liz McColgan has ensured that Britain does not go home from the world championships without a gold medal.

McColgan was the last realistic chance her nation had of an individual victory in the National Stadium here. Ironic, that. Less than three months ago she was in the firing line for making herself unavailable for Britain for the European Cup. "You should not walk away when your country needs you," Frank Dick, the national director of coaching, said then.

Now, after McColgan had obliterated the finest women's 10,000 metres field ever assembled, Dick was saying of her: "She looked like a tank at a destruction derby. I have never ever seen a destruction job like that in athletics. We have seen people make blistering starts and get away, but Liz, bit by bit, ground everyone into the ground."

It was her first global gold medal. Twice Commonwealth champion, and Olympic runner-up in 1988, she has now added the greatest prize outside the Olympics. Leading from the start, she forced a relentless pace; by the eleventh lap of 25, Ingrid Kristiansen, the Olympic champion and world record holder, from Norway, had been dropped; by the thirteenth the opponent she had probably feared the most, Kathrin Ullrich, of Germany, was out of the way. Ullrich is the fast finisher who kicked away from McColgan's British team colleague, Jill Hunter, to win the European Cup.

Only Derartu Tulu, of Ethiopia, remained as they passed 5,000 metres in 15min 34.15sec, in 78 per cent humidity, too.

Tulu, aged 19, had taken the silver medal, ahead of McColgan's bronze, in the world cross country championship last March. The winner that day, Lynn Jennings, of the United States, was among the 23 athletes unable to live with McColgan's steady lapping in 75 seconds.

MEDALS

	G	S	B	Total
United States	8	6	6	20
Soviet Union	7	5	7	19
Germany	4	2	3	9
Kenya	2	1	1	4
Great Britain	1	2	2	5
China	1	1	1	3
Finland	1	1	1	3
France	1	0	0	1
Italy	1	0	0	1
Poland	1	0	0	1
Zambia	1	0	0	1
Jamaica	0	1	2	3
Canada	0	1	1	2
Hungary	0	1	1	2
Romania	0	1	1	2
Brazil	0	1	0	1
Cuba	0	1	0	1
Japan	0	1	0	1
Namibia	0	1	0	1
Netherlands	0	1	0	1
Sweden	0	1	0	1
Morocco	0	0	1	1
Spain	0	0	1	1

No bursts, no chopping of stride to bring Tulu forward to take on the work. Just McColgan doing what she does best: grinding it out from the front.

Behind them, with ten laps to go, were Ullrich and Huandi Zhong, of China; if we could have read their minds, they would have been saying: "the bronze is the best we can hope for." But, suddenly, Tulu snapped. Zhong and Ullrich had something to chase at. Silver. But never gold.

McColgan, in her cut-away midriff British colours, had five laps to go on her own. To those who have followed her, there could be no doubt that now she would win. Aged 27, she has learned how to judge pace because, without much of a sprint, she knows she always has to get away.

With three laps to go her lead was 26 seconds, but by the finish it had narrowed to 21.

"I knew I had it won from 600 metres out," she said. There was a stumble on to the inside of the track with 380 metres to go, but it was a temporary moment of anxiety for the hundreds of British supporters in the stadium. In the finishing straight, there was no need for a burst. "I just relaxed and enjoyed it," she said, after crossing the line in 31min 14.31sec.

Zhong won the race for silver in 31:35.08, and Xiuting Wang, her compatriot, the run for bronze in 31:35.99. Ullrich faded to fourth, Jennings was fifth and Kristiansen seventh. As fine a bunch of scalps as McColgan could have wished for.

All-round Oregon man

From DAVID MILLER

IF MIKE Powell and Carl Lewis are the marvels of the moment, then Dan O'Brien, a 25-year-old American from Oregon who has no idea who were his natural parents, is the phenomenon of the future. One error, in the high jump, prevented his eclipse of Daley Thompson's seven-year-old world decathlon record.

O'Brien failed by 36 points to beat Thompson's total of 8,847 at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles. Thompson himself has recently predicted that O'Brien can surpass 9,500 points, and watching him these past two days, more lissom and streamlined than Thompson, that has seemed a real possibility. Had O'Brien not ploughed the high jump, the fourth event – clearing only 1.91 metres compared with a best competition performance of 2.13, a difference of some 180 points – the record would already be his.

It might still have been. With the final event to be run, 1,500 metres, O'Brien, of mixed Afro-Scandinavian blood and adopted aged two from a Portland agency by white parents, needed only to improve his best time of 4min 33sec by a second to surpass Thompson.

"Going into the race, my mind was in a whirlwind," O'Brien, who has no previous competition outside the United States, said. "Up to now, I've just taken the 1,500 as one of the ten events. From now on, it's something I'll take seriously, really work at next year and get a good time."

He was happy it rained at the close of this ferocious contest, he said, cooling the air, because "it took away some of the pain". Yet, like the magnificent Thompson, he was still on his feet at the finish as others around him lay sprawled on the track insensible.

Like Thompson, a rebel at school, and still paying back now $5,000 he owes the University of Idaho for an accommodation fiddle, O'Brien has the same almost luminescent aura of healthiness that flowed from the Scottish-Nigerian at his peak. The all-round athlete has to have the ability to do anything, and O'Brien looks as if he can: almost as good as Thompson in the opening two events, 100 metres and long jump – Thompson's best – and already better in another five: a heroic figure in the best American Olympic tradition first set by Jim Thorpe in 1912 and continued by Osborne (1924), Bausch (1932), Morris (1936), Mathias (1948 and 1952), Campbell (1956), Johnson (1960), Toomey (1968) and Jenner (1976).

Until yesterday, O'Brien could not even get a shoe contract, and was working part-time in a golf shop to pay his debt. From today he will be able to start naming his price. It might even mean, in the odd way life turns, that his real mother and father might identify themselves.

Female can compete

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) – A male athlete who has undergone a sex change operation will be permitted to continue competing in women's long distance events, according to Australian officials.

"After a lot of investigation and discussion, we have accepted that this person is a woman and she is free to compete in female events," Neil King, general manager of Athletics Australia, said.

The issue of transsexual athletes was discussed at the International Amateur Athletic Federation congress in Tokyo last week. The IAAF opted not to make a firm decision on its gender identification policy.

☐ The first round of the men's 4 x 400 metres relay in Tokyo was cancelled because of insufficient entries. The teams will go straight into today's semi-finals.

McColgan may have to move abroad

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

LIZ McColgan, Britain's new world 10,000 metres champion, revealed last night she may be forced to take her talent abroad because of lack of sponsorship at home.

After her triumph in Tokyo, the 27-year-old Scot said she would consider moving to America with her husband, Peter, and her baby daughter, Eilish, if the financial prospects did not improve.

"It would only be as a last resort, but it might be a consideration if things don't change after this win," said McColgan, who suffered more financial hardship last year when her pregnancy kept her off the lucrative grand prix circuit for a year.

"If we went to America there would be plenty of money to be made on the road race circuit there, but we don't want to leave Arbroath if we don't have to."

McColgan's new pulling power, following yesterday's victory, could be the turning point. Last week, she signed a contract until next year's Barcelona Olympic Games with the Japanese shoe company, Asics, which is a shrewd move both for the firm and the Scot, with world championship-winning bonuses likely to come her way.

Black is expected to join Forest today

By CHRIS MOORE

KINGSLEY Black, Luton Town's Northern Ireland international, will today complete a £1.5 million move to Nottingham Forest.

The 23-year-old winger travelled to Nottingham last night for talks with Brian Clough, the Forest manager, after the two clubs had agreed the fee.

Forest expect to complete negotiations with Black, who has won 16 caps for Northern Ireland, in time to parade him before their fans at this afternoon's game with Oldham Athletic at the City Ground.

The deal will take Clough's outlay on new players in the last few months to £5 million following the arrival of Teddy Sheringham, from Millwall, for £2 million and Carl Tiler, from Barnsley, for £1.5 million.

"It's no secret we have been chasing Black for a long time," Clough said. "We watched him a lot last season and I am sure he will fit in with our style of play. He will give us a lot of extra options."

Provided there are no late hitches and the deal goes through today, Black could make his debut for Nottingham Forest next Wednesday in the first division game with Manchester City at Maine Road.

☐ Crystal Palace will challenge goalkeeper Nigel Martyn's sending-off against Wimbledon this week under a new Football Association "appeal" procedure. Steve Coppell, the Palace manager intends using video evidence in a bid to clear Martyn who was sent off by David Elleray for a rash challenge on Robbie Earle.

Black: Clough chase

Agreement is relief to League

THE Football League programme can continue for the next two weeks at least without fear of the Football Association (FA) taking punitive action for it playing unsanctioned football (Peter Ball writes).

That was the outcome of yesterday's round of court action by football's warring bodies, with the first-division clubs, the League and the FA agreeing to keep their powder dry for another day.

The first-division clubs agreed to postpone their actions requiring the League's official receivers, Arthur Sandford and Ian Watt, to apply for FA sanction until after the League's extraordinary meeting on September 10. The FA has, in the meantime, tacitly agreed that it will take no action against the clubs for playing in unsanctioned competitions.

The FA have has refused to sanction the League while it retains regulation 11 in its rule-book. The League's EGM will vote on the contentious regulation.

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Mum's the word as son strikes it rich

SIMON BARNES ON SATURDAY

THE biggest name in American sport right now is not Carl Lewis, or Mike Powell. The person of the moment is Bettie Taylor. Who she? She is Brien Taylor's mum, of course.

She lives in a mobile home, and she works as a "crab processor". That means she dismembers arthropods for a living. She is also the person who outfaced the New York Yankees and gave them a lesson in the art of the deal. Because of her tough negotiating skills and her awareness of the true market value of a baseball pitcher, the Yankees were eventually manoeuvred into coughing up $1.55 million as a signing fee for Brien.

Brien is 19, and has never played major-league baseball in his life. But he is seething with potential, and has a smoking fast-ball that has been timed at 99 mph.

That ability, along with the poker skills of his mother, has brought him the biggest signing fee paid for an untried player. "When you have something to sell, they'll try and get in as low as they can," Bettie said.

This is as true for ten-dollar deals as for multi-million ones, but it is a hard principal to put in practice when you have offers of $650,000 rising to $850,000. But Bettie was cool enough to tell the Yankees that this was no money at all. "To me, Brien is special," she said. The Yankees were shamed into agreeing.

Brien was wheeled out before the assembled might of the nation's press this week. Just about all that sport's latest millionaire managed to say was: "I'm as happy as I can be." Bettie spoke up for him: "He handles himself so well in joy and pressure. That's why they call him Smooth." You don't have to look far to see where he got that ability from.

Fame spurs Bo

There is another minor league baseball player fascinating the nation. That is Bo Jackson. In this odd country, you can be famous because you appear on a TV commercial, the reverse of the normal process.

Jackson was transformed from starlet to superstar by an advertising campaign. He is a uniquely talented ball-player, and played major-league baseball *and* professional American football. But it was his commercials for a shoe company, under the slogan "Bo Knows", that catapaulted him to inter-stellar heights. A hip injury stopped him in his tracks, and was supposed to end his sporting career. Now he is coming back, and playing in places like Sarasota and Hoover before thousands of children. They all wear "Bo Knows" T-shirts.

☐ *This is a week of great sadness. Faithful readers will recall an item in this column some time ago about non-throwing quarterbacks: understudies' understudies, people who never throw a pass in anger but who command impressive salaries for doing so. The most resonant name of them all has reached the end of his career, released by the LA Rams after all that dedicated non-throwing. His name alone should have been enough to keep him on the team, but it was not. Farewell, Chuck Long.*

Arresting sight

This is not a good year to be anywhere near Mike Tyson. Tyson, of course, is under investigation for an allegation of raping a contestant in the Miss Black America pageant. Now his minder is in trouble, charged with robbery. His name is Anthony Pitts, known to *cognoscenti* as Smilin' Tony. This, by the way, is irony. He allegedly seized a photographer's camera and ripped the film from it. His offer to pay was refused. Police were called, and Smilin' Tony was led away, unsmiling, in handcuffs. He was later released on bail.

Who's kidding?

At the US Open tennis tournament, going on here on the sweltering cement of Flushing Meadow, we have revelled in the fighting prowess of Jimmy Connors, and in the limpness under pressure of the all-Las Vegas boy, Andre Agassi. A shame they were not drawn against each other . . . after Agassi beat Connors here in 1988, Jimbo said: "I enjoy playing guys who could be my children. Maybe he's one of them. I spent a lot of time in Vegas."

☐ *How life changes. Three years ago, Ben Johnson's hotel bill for his entourage in Seoul for the Olympic Games was $25,000. In Tokyo he is staying in the athletes' village. He is in a suite built for two, sharing it with two other athletes.*

Out of tune

Bob Marley was the Jamaican reggae star. Now I hear that one of his many sons, Rohan, is playing American football, as a defensive back for the University of Miami. The great Bob was a sporty type himself, and Rohan has inherited that, but not the musical talent. "I don't sing," he said. "Only in the shower."

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